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## High school — 65 x 25



If you haven't heard about 65 x 25, you will soon. In Gov. Hassan's State of the State address, she said, "A new partnership is bringing state and local government together with the education community and other stakeholders to work toward ensuring that 65 percent of New Hampshire's [working age] population holds a post-secondary credential or degree by 2025." Currently, that number is approximately 50 percent, meaning that this effort will require a 30 percent increase in the number of 25- to 64-year-olds that have some form of work-related credentials. Those credentials could include college degrees, plumber's licenses, Micro-soft certification, etc.

I serve on the 65 x 25 committee of the New Hampshire Coalition for Business and Education, which is bringing this effort forward. The intent is to increase the percentage of highly skilled workers to ensure that our high-tech companies, advanced manufacturing firms and others have the workforce necessary to grow their businesses in New Hampshire and ensure a high quality of life for our residents for decades to come. A 30 percent increase will be no small feat and will require a concerted effort from many folks.

At first, the 65 x 25 committee seemed to look at this as primarily a college effort. However, the business community members of the committee successfully argued that there are many credentials that are valued by businesses that don't require a college degree, including building trades licenses, real estate and insurance credentials, and so many more. The business folks also convincingly argued that, because those 25-year-olds in 2025 are in high school today, there should be a high school subcommittee added to the group. I will likely play a role on that committee.

To that end, I have been in conversations with a number of high school leaders about the possibility of engaging in an effort to get 65 percent of their high school students to achieve some form of work-related credential by 2025. Based on my initial conversations with them, I'm convinced that this is achievable but will only happen with a commitment of school leadership.

Can you imagine what our communities will say about our high schools if we are able to meet this lofty goal? Success here will make it hard for perennial naysayers to argue against the value of New Hampshire's public schools. ☁



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## State of the state

Gov. Maggie Hassan gave her last State of the State address on Feb. 4. NHPR reported the speech focused on tackling the state's drug crisis, growing jobs and reauthorizing expanded Medicaid. Hassan began her speech by looking at the past. She highlighted the passage of the state budget, which she called "bipartisan" despite an impasse that lasted several months following her veto last summer. Hassan also cheered the signing of some of the expedited drug bills, but urged lawmakers to continue work on the issue. While there is broad bipartisan support for combating the heroin problem, disagreements over how to do it have slowed progress on some bills. At the heart of most disagreements is the Republican leadership's position that no new funding should go toward the problem. During her address, Hassan said "we can't afford not to" use additional funding, which would require new sources of revenue.

While not getting into specifics, Hassan reiterated agenda items she championed in her State of the State two years ago, including raising the minimum wage, instituting full-day kindergarten and building a commuter rail line from Boston to Manchester.

## Republican response

Hours after the State of the State address, Republican leaders in the Senate released an email statement outlining their 2016 priorities, which were the same three Hassan focused on. It began by highlighting the business tax cuts passed in the last budget, then criticized Hassan's budget veto as "reckless" and the so-called drug czar she appointed (and who resigned after a year) as "ineffective."

## Merrimack dispensary

The nonprofit that had received approval to place a medical marijuana facility in an old Merrimack bank building has abandoned that plan in favor of relocating its proposed facility at a strip mall on Daniel Webster Highway. The Union Leader reported Prime Alter-

native Treatment Centers has proposed a location at the Skyline Mall at 380 Daniel Webster Highway. Though the town planning board had approved plans to renovate a former credit union at 105 Daniel Webster Highway, the Thomas More College of Liberal Arts across the street threatened to sue the organization if they moved in.

## Minimum wage

The New Hampshire Senate voted down a bill that would have raised the state's minimum wage to \$12 an hour. The Union Leader reported the bill's sponsor, Democratic Sen. Donna Soucy, said it would give more money to 140,000 residents, 84 percent of whom are older than 20. Opponents, largely Republicans, said such a hike to the minimum wage would eliminate jobs and create a greater share of part-time jobs. The state's minimum wage is set at the current federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour. There are similar bills in the House, but they have yet to be voted on.

## Drug bills

Three more drug crisis bills crafted during the special session and slated for expedited passage have made their way through the Senate. The Union Leader reported the three bills set aside about \$5.5 million for fighting the drug epidemic, collectively. One bill would allocate \$2.8 million over the next 18 months to help set up county drug courts through a matching grant program and create a new position to administer the statewide expansion of the drug court system. A second bill would establish a grant program for law enforcement, with \$2.3 million set aside, to aid in anti-drug-trafficking efforts like Manchester's Operation Granite Hammer. Finally, the third bill provides \$130,000 to upgrade the prescription drug monitoring program's hardware and software.

## No Gatsas plug

Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas, whose endorsement is highly sought after by Republican candidates for president, as the head of the state's largest city, has decided not to back

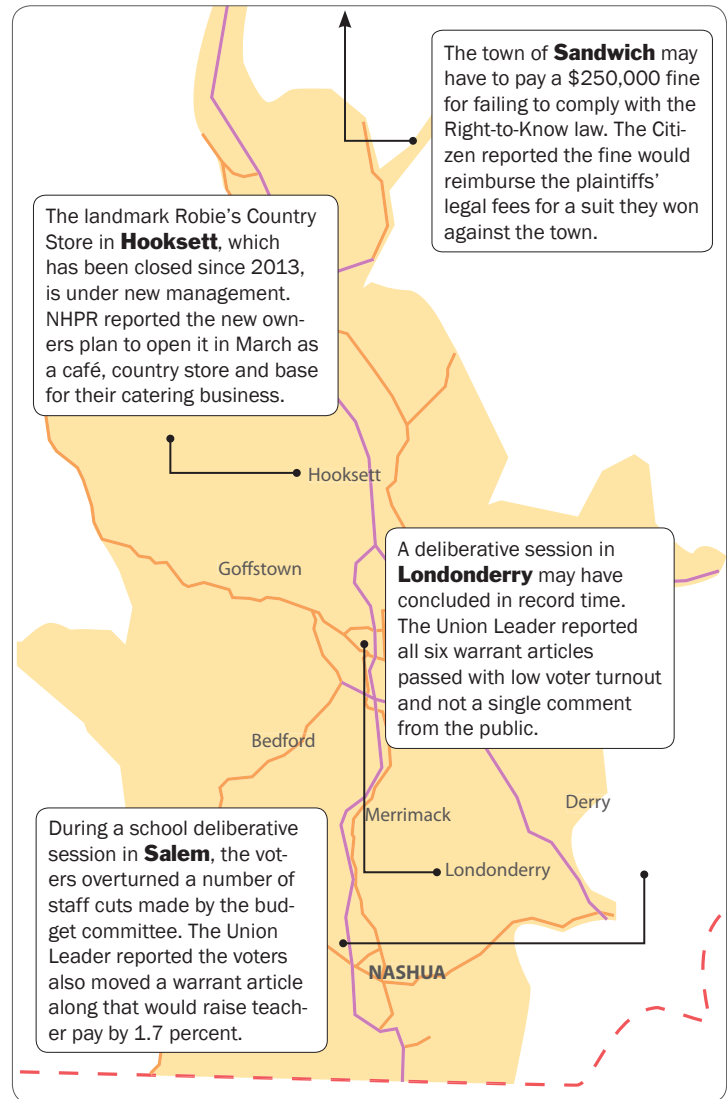
anyone. The Union Leader reported Gatsas took a long time to reach this decision, but after deliberating, he reached the conclusion that it was too difficult to choose. He said he had a couple friends in the race and an "awful lot of good people" on the ballot.

## Test scores

The controversial discrepancy between new Manchester test scores for the Smarter Balanced Assessment and scores released last fall by the state has been cleared up. The Union Leader reported that when Superintendent Debra Livingston showed comparative grades, the higher scores were from removing "zero scores" of students who had not taken the test. This caused school board members to wonder if the district had cooked the books to inflate performance because the state Department of Education said zeros were never in the original scores. Livingston told board members at a recent meeting that, in fact, the scores with the zeros added were the ones produced by the district in an effort to show the comparison with the original grades, not the other way around.

## Northern Pass

The Manchester Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted to apply for intervenor status so the city can play a part in the Site Evaluation Committee's review process, according to the Union Leader. After a number of public information sessions and hearings, the review of the project application will be conducted



by the SEC's nine members and approved intervenors. Concord and Canterbury have also applied to be intervenors, as well as Plymouth, Ashland, Dalton and Franconia.

## Gun theft bill

A bill that would increase the penalties for stealing guns was proposed in a recent House committee hearing. The Union

Leader reported a criminal caught stealing a firearm during a burglary would see two class A felony charges, effectively doubling the prison sentence from 20 to 40 years. Another bill to ban flamethrowers in the state was also discussed. Some expressed concerns that it would target law-abiding farmers who use flamethrowers against weeds. 🌱

## BEST WEEK



### STATE COFFERS

With higher than expected returns from business taxes, the month of January filled state revenues with \$6 million more than what was projected. The Union Leader reported the state finished the first month with a total of \$123.9 million with increases mostly from business taxes, interest and dividends and real estate transfer taxes. It's also an increase of more than \$9 million from January 2015. That brings the total surplus for the 2016 fiscal year to about \$43 million so far, with revenues totaling more than \$1 billion.

## WORST WEEK



### NEEDLE EXCHANGE BILL

A bill that would establish a needle exchange in the state is getting some light opposition from law enforcement. NHPR reported the detail of the bill at issue is protection from prosecution if used needles deposited at the exchange have trace amounts of heroin or other illicit narcotics. A needle exchange allows for addicts to trade tainted syringes for clean ones without fear of legal repercussions in an effort to curb the spread of diseases like HIV and hepatitis C. Being caught with a used syringe with trace amounts of heroin is currently a felony and law enforcement experts testified at a recent hearing that the bill could limit their ability to prosecute drug crimes.



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# Hot water

N.H. seacoast hit worst by climate change

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Emerging science shows a rapid heating up of the waters in the Gulf of Maine, at a far faster rate than the rest of the ocean, and it has New Hampshire's commercial fishermen worried about business.

## Fishermen fret

David Goethel, a commercial fisherman from Hampton, is catching more summer flounder these days and fewer cod. Unfortunately, he has to throw the summer flounder back, since he doesn't have a catch permit for that species. The reason for the changing species in his nets? The Gulf of Maine's shifting temperatures.

"Waters are warming in the Gulf of Maine, at least in the last 10 years, at really unprecedented levels," Goethel said.

In fact, studies have shown that the waters in the gulf warmed faster than 99 percent of the ocean over the past decade. And over the past 30 years, it's warmed four times faster than the average global rate.

This has caused fish populations to shift. Fishermen may be catching the same amount of fish, but a different composition of species, as the warmer waters are causing North Atlantic cod to huddle into deeper trenches in the southwest and species that enjoy warmer waters migrate into the gulf.

To make matters worse, Andrew Pershing, the chief scientific officer at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, says the warming waters are causing cod re-population efforts to suffer.

"We see that in warm years, each individual female produces fewer successful babies. We also found evidence that in these warm years that fewer young fish survive," Pershing said.

Pershing says this is because warmer waters may also be affecting plankton, which baby cod need to eat, it may invite cod's migratory predators to stick around and feast for longer periods during the summer months and it may be directly affecting the metabolism of the subpolar species — forcing the fish to burn more energy with no extra food to make up the difference.

This is a problem for fishermen because



federal regulators have already put strict limits on how many cod can be caught but haven't adapted the permits for commercial fishermen to include the new species they are finding.

"Fishermen now may be mismatched with the permits they have to fish species," Goethel said. "That's an issue government is going to have to address."

## What's happening?

In a recent scientific paper by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Dr. Vincent Saba came up with a new model for simulating ocean temperature projections. In it, he finds that the Gulf of Maine is ground zero for climate change due to a combination of increased atmospheric carbon dioxide and a weakening of Atlantic currents.

"[When] we projected forward, we effectively doubled the amount of carbon dioxide in the model, and what we found was the Gulf of Maine and the surrounding waters in the northwest Atlantic ... warm two to three times faster than the global average," Saba said. "This neck of the woods, in the North Atlantic, tends to be a hotspot for climate change."

This new model, which improves on traditional models that look at oceans at large by looking at smaller regions (Saba compares it to a high-def TV), provided findings consistent with what had been reported by other scientists, like Pershing, who have observed water temperatures rising quickly over past decades.

Essentially, the normal process of warm

salty water from the south moving up through the Gulf Stream and the cold freshwater moving south through the Labrador Current is short-circuiting, according to Saba.

While some fishermen, like Goethel, are not entirely convinced this is caused by global climate change — suggesting that it may instead be a result of "multidecadal oscillation," a normal temperature shift in the Atlantic — Saba says it's unlikely that the rapid temperature change in the Gulf of Maine is exclusively the result of natural climate change.

Pershing says the speed of the change is noteworthy.

"It was a rate of change in temperature that few ocean ecosystems have ever experienced," Pershing said.

With so little precedent, this puts us in uncharted waters, leaving many to speculate how this will affect fisheries in the long term.

Saba says their projections looking at the next 80 years show the gulf waters getting a lot warmer than previous, lower-definition models could have predicted.

"Our estimates might actually be conservative if business as usual continues," Saba said. "The bottom waters can warm in this new projection by ... about 4 to about 7.5 degrees Fahrenheit, which is pretty substantial for fisheries."

Pershing doesn't think the new science will mean even stricter cod quotas.

"It's hard to imagine cutting the quotas back anymore," Pershing said. "The challenge is going to be setting the quotas as the population starts to rebuild."

But most agree that the solution for commercial fishermen should include updated permits to reflect the changing fish populations.

"In the best of times, the bureaucracy moves at a glacial pace; some people would say it moves at a geological timescale. But this requires nimbleness," Goethel said.

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# NEWS

## Where are they?

### N.H. on track to house the rest of its homeless veterans

By Ryan Lessard  
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Five years ago, when a federal program was first launched in an effort to provide permanent housing for all homeless veterans, New Hampshire had an estimated 500 homeless veterans. Now, it's believed that number has gone down to less than 60 — but service providers need the public's help in finding them.

Harbor Homes CEO Peter Kelleher says significant process has been made at housing veterans nationwide.

"I've been working at this for about 11 years, and when we first started there were over 200,000 veterans that were estimated to be homeless in the United States," Kelleher said.

Now, he says there's an estimated 47,000. Through conference calls with other service providers facilitated by the governor's office, he's seen progress in reducing the number of veterans in emergency shelters in New Hampshire in just the past few months.

"When we started those calls, roughly 16 weeks ago, we had 37 veterans in 10 emergency shelters across the state, and right now we have about 18," Kelleher said. "In terms of unsheltered veterans, we think there are still about 30 to 40 on a statewide basis."

Some of the homeless vets can be found in the Seacoast area, but Kelleher says most are localized along the western part of the state from the southern border to north of Claremont.

He thinks one of the three major sectors (divided into continuums of care for federal funds distribution) may have already reached the goal of "functional zero."

"In the Greater Nashua continuum of care I think we are very close, if not already there, in terms of having achieved it,"



Kelleher said. "And the other parts of the state are getting there."

He says functional zero was a goal set by the federal government that includes five criteria.

First, communities must identify homeless veterans.

Second, they must create a plan and timeline for permanent housing. Then the communities must provide the housing, and it must take priority before other supportive services.

Then, a robust system of rapid housing must be put in place, and finally a system of preventing veteran homelessness must also work to catch those at risk of becoming homeless early on.

Harbor Homes is looking for the citizens of the state to help with the very first step: identifying homeless veterans.

"We need any citizen that may know of a homeless veteran or may in fact be a homeless veteran or a veteran at risk of becoming homeless to really get in touch with our SSVF programs," Kelleher said.

SSVF stands for Supportive Services for Veterans and Families, which includes case management, cash assistance and immediate transitional housing with a pathway to permanent housing.

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NEWS & NOTES Q&A

# Saying goodbye to SEE

## Founding head of science center steps down

Douglas Heuser was the founding executive director of the SEE Science Center when it began in 1984; it was known then as Science Enrichment Encounters. Now, more than 30 years later, Heuser is retiring to spend more time with his family.

**Q:** You're walking out of a very different SEE Science Center than the one that you started. Can you describe some of the biggest differences?

Oh my gosh, it's completely different from when we first envisioned it. ... I met Dean Kamen and I sat down with him and I won't say we had a conversation because it was mostly Dean talking and my listening. He talked about this idea of having some sort of hands-on science discovery center, loosely based on what they had in San Francisco at the Exploratorium, here in Manchester. ... We started actually at 324 Commercial St., not in this building that we're in now. ... So we started off with 4,500 square feet that Dean donated way back then, in one of his mill buildings. Now ... we have access to more than 45,000 square feet in a whole other building that's actually owned by FIRST. ... I lost count but we have probably over 100 [exhibits]. ... The whole concept is to be able to interact with the exhibits so that you're doing something with them or to them in order to have the scientific principles be understood.



Douglas Heuser

the very beginning, way back in ... 1988, we had interns from England. ... They came and they lived here for six months and they acted as guides for the science center and we put them up and housed them. ... One of those interns recently came back after 27 years. ... He is now head of the nephrology department for all of Scotland.

## Early on, when you were in college, is this how you envisioned your career?

Absolutely not. In fact, I'm still trying to figure out what I'm going to do when I grow up. I'd always been interested in science. I went to prep school in Minnesota and they always try to focus you on very tight career paths. When applying for colleges, I put down MIT as one of them and my advisor said, 'Oh no, that's not for you. You're more of a Harvard sort because, science, that's not for you.' So, they guided me that way. I ended up going to Stanford. ... They guided me away from the sciences because they didn't see me as that kind of guy. I guess in a way, they were sort of right because I wasn't strong in the math area, but still. What I love most about this job is I've been able to relate more to kids who aren't that strong in math and show them that even bozos like me can get it and figure it out and you can do well in science. You just have to work a little harder.

## Did you have a specific career in mind when you went to Stanford?

I did, actually. One of the things that really intrigued me — that's now turned out to be wrong — at the time, it was sort of understood that we did not use a large part of our brains and I was going to go to Stanford and figure out how to open up the rest of our brains. Now, it's understood that, well, we do use all of our brains, just not very efficiently.

## What's next for you?

I'm gonna be a grandpa-nanny. My older daughter just had one grandson, my first grandson. And my younger daughter, she's having identical twin girls in March. So, I'm gonna be spending some time on the West Coast helping her out with the new babies and my older daughter, her son is in New York and I'm going to spend some time there too. — Ryan Lessard

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## What achievements are you most proud of over the past 30 years?

That we're still here. It's a little mind-boggling to me that we are still here. It has been a slog, to tell you the truth. We started off with me being the only employee, and it has been a hand-to-mouth existence. We haven't gotten here and lasted this long without the help of the community, and that has been a wonderful thing. That's what I'm most proud of, really, is that the community has stuck with us throughout all the years. Now, STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) is the buzzword, but we've been doing that for over 30 years and it wasn't the buzzword for a long, long time.

## Do you have any fond memories about how the museum has impacted kids' lives?

It's wonderful for me to see how, over the years, kids have come through the science center and they've grown, they've gone on to science careers. One very impactful thing, in

## Five favorites

**Favorite Book:** *Gravity's Rainbow* by Thomas Pynchon  
**Favorite Movie:** *2001: A Space Odyssey*  
**Favorite Musician:** John Lennon  
**Favorite Food:** Italian food  
**Favorite Thing About NH:** You just can't beat the environment.



# QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

## Less risky business

A new report shows declining use of illegal prescription drugs, tobacco and alcohol among young people. The 2015 New Hampshire Youth Risk Behavior Survey shows those positive trends over the past 24 years, according to the Union Leader. There was a slight dip in the number of young people who text while driving, but the number remains high at 44 percent. Marijuana use had declined to 22 percent and more students are using seatbelts and bicycle helmets. But some troubling risky behaviors continue, including heroin use, which has remained virtually unchanged from about 2.3 percent since 2003 when the question was added to the survey. About 10 percent of Hispanic youth have reported using heroin.

**QOL Score:** +1

**Comment:** *This was the first survey to ask young people if they have smoked e-cigarettes, and it found that 25 percent had.*

## Good gums

A recent study by the Centers for Disease Control found that New Hampshire had among the lowest rates of periodontal disease. Periodontal disease, which can range from simple gum inflammation to serious diseases that can lead to loss of teeth, happens the most in New Mexico, with a prevalence of 52.79 percent. Hawaii, Florida and Mississippi follow close behind. Utah has the lowest rate at 37.69 percent, followed by New Hampshire with 40.51 percent.

**QOL Score:** +1

**Comment:** *New Hampshire also had the lowest rate of severe periodontitis with 6.4 percent.*

## Primary in the books

The New Hampshire primary is over. At press time, QOL didn't know the results, but regardless of the outcome, there will be relief that, at least for a little while, there will be no campaign ads interrupting favorite TV shows or continuous phone calls from campaigners. Hello to more local news that's not focused on what Donald Trump said this time.

**QOL Score:** +1

**Comment:** *Of course, for political junkies, this may be a negative QOL.*

## Federal support for NH wetlands

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program awarded New Hampshire \$1 million to help acquire and protect all 1,114 acres of Harvey's Kennard Hill Forest in Epping and Nottingham, according to the Union Leader. The state's Department of Environmental Services will receive the funds, and the property owners and their eight adult children agreed to sell a conservation easement.

**QOL Score:** +1

**Comment:** *The aim is to eliminate threats to critical wildlife habitat and reduce water contamination due to development.*

## Forget the Super Bowl

In New Hampshire, it was all about the Puppy Bowl, Animal Planet's counter-programming, which draws millions of viewers each year and features adorable puppies from animal shelters in a mock football game. This year, three Granite State puppies made the team, according to the Union Leader: Timber, a yellow lab; Tate, a beagle mix; and Ranger, a spaniel/border collie mix. All three were rescued in Texas by the Humane Society of Greater Nashua and adopted by local families.

**QOL Score:** +1

**Comment:** *It's not the size of the dog in the fight ...*

**QOL score:** 59

**Net change:** +5

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SPORTS DAVE LONG'S LONGSHOTS

# The 'Super Bowl turns 50' awards show



After catching some flak last week for writing about the NH Primary baseball team and not the Super Bowl that no one around here but the gamblers cared about, from a person who will go nameless, I'll make up for that now, because after Denver's 24-10 destruction of Carolina, 50 Super Bowls are now in the books. And since I've seen them all, here's a random series of Best of Awards from all 50 games.

**Most significant game:** Tie between the first one pitting prestige and the NFL's Trump-like ego on the line against AFL fans hoping KC could keep it close against **Vince Lombardi's** Packers (they didn't) and SB 3 where "we're superior"-thinking NFL fans got smacked upside the head by the 18-point underdog Jets in the second-greatest upset in American sports history giving AFL fans the respect they craved.

**Most famous and lasting off-field moment:** **Joe Namath's** much-scoffed-at-then poolside guarantee the Jets would win — when they did, Joe's place in SB history was secured.

**Most embarrassing on-field moment:** Knucklehead **Thurman Thomas** losing his helmet as Buffalo's offense took the field in SB 28 causing him to miss their first two plays.

**Most embarrassing off-field moment:** NFL Citizen of the Year **Eugene Robinson** being arrested hours before the big game for soliciting a prostitute/undercover cop.

**Dumbest play:** **Garo Yepremian** trying a pass with the back of his hand on a botched field goal that **Brig Owens** went Pick 6 on to nearly derail Miami's undefeated season in their 1972 14-7 win.

**Most boring game:** SB 3 may have been significant but it was a snore-fest.

**Top player — offense:** The easy answer is three-time MVP **Joe Cool**, or four-time winner **Terry Bradshaw** or maybe **Bart Starr**,

who with NFL prestige on the line faced more pressure than any QB ever has as GB won SB 1 & 2. But **Eli Manning** made Gigantic plays at Gigantic times by escaping **Richard Seymour** to hit **David Tyree** for the helmet-velcro catch and **Mario Manningham** with arguably the NFL's greatest single pass in two Giants upsets of the Patriots.

**Top player — defense:** No on **Reggie White**. Two of his three sacks came with **Drew Bledsoe** throwing on every down after GB had an insurmountable lead. Cowboys linebacker **Chuck Howley** is the only losing player to be MVP, but that game was so horrible they had to give it to somebody and he got picked. True, he was nuts, but **Charles Haley** was a key player in five wins with the Cowboys and 49ers.

**Top player — special teams:** **Desmond Howard** destroyed the Pats in 1996. **Devin Hester** ran back the opening kick for a TD in 2006 and **Jim Turner** had three field goals in the Jets' 16-7 win in Super Bowl 3. But **Adam V** hit winning kicks twice as time ran out and if he doesn't, the Pats are just another team instead of a 21st-century dynasty.

**Worst coach:** With the possible exception of **Ray Handley** or **Matt Millen** only the "I'm smarter than you" **Mike Martz** would've used the NFL's best player as a decoy the whole afternoon as he did with **Marshall Faulk** against the Pats in SB 36. And Earth to Marshall: That's who to blame for the Rams' loss instead of your whiny Spy-Gate: The Prequel rant.

**Worst decision:** **Pete Carroll**. What were you thinking, buddy? "Worst" applies to only SBs. When all decisions since the beginning of time are included it drops to fifth worst.

**Worst use of a challenge:** (1) Anyone know why **Ron Rivera** burned his last challenge with 40 minutes to go on Sunday for six inconsequential yards? (2) Ditto for his first one on a similarly inconsequential play?

**Best run:** The **Marcus Allen** 74-yard U-turn run in SB 18 had spectacularness (if that's actually a word), but it was the final TD

in a rout. Pittsburgh's **Willie Parker** ran for 75 yards on Seattle in 2005 but it was early on. But **John Riggins'** 43-yard run off a broken tackle was one of his record 38 carries and it gave Washington their first lead with 4:49 left in a 27-17 win over Miami in SB 17.

**Best catch:** Tie: Velcro helmet Tyree and **Santonio Holmes'** incredible catch of a 100-mph bullet while somehow getting both feet in bounds for the winning TD in SB 43. Although **Big Ben's** pass over three defenders to the only place Holmes could catch it might have been even harder to do. Honorable mention goes to **Lynn Swann's** juggling ballerina catch vs. Dallas in 1976.


**Best QB game:** **Phil Simms** was 22 for 25 in 1987, but the 1980s Broncos also got ripped apart by **Doug Williams** and **Joe Montana** in the SB. I'll take **Steve Young's** six TD passes in 1995 because TDs are more important than completion percentage to everyone but baseball's analytics crowd.

**Team getting the best breaks:** The G-Men got moribund Denver in 1987, **Scott Norwood** missing by inches vs. Buffalo in '90, the velcro helmet catch in Pats I and Manningham catching a ball he almost always dropped and Gronk was hurt in Pats II.

**Players most robbed of being MVP:** Tie: **Ty Law** and **Matt Snell**. Namath got it for what he did prior to Super Bowl 3. During the game he threw for a game manager-esque 206 yards and no TDs, while Jets fullback **Snell** ran for 121 and their lone TD as they controlled the game on the ground against the NFL's top defense. TB-12 did lead the winning drive vs. the Rams, but he threw for a meager 145 yards, while Ty scored their first TD on a Pick 6 and laid down the law against the supposedly unstoppable Rams passing attack.

**Best game:** Rams vs. Titans in 1999, when they had two scores as time wound down and ended with **Kevin Tyson** six inches short of the winning TD on a pass and run.

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# The V – soon to be SNHU

**The Big Story:** It'll be out with the old and in with the new on Sept. 1, when the world-famous Verizon Wireless Arena will become the SNHU, as in Southern New Hampshire University, Arena, which I suspect will make it even more world-famous.

**Sports 101:** Just four people have been named to the Basketball Hall of Fame as both player and coach. Name them.

**Run of the Week:** It goes to the game-changing 15-1 run Memorial went on that turned a 10-point 53-43 deficit into a 58-54 lead on their way to an 80-76 win over Bedford. The key to the win and to holding on repeated runs to get back the lead by the Bulldogs was the 37 free throws taken by the Crusaders overall and the 13 of 16 made coming down the stretch. Memorial got a combined 54 points from **Nick Philibert**, **Brandon (great) Scott** and **Jack Carrier**, while **Colby Gendron** had a game-high 26 for B-town.

**Honors:** That Derryfield School junior **Gabi Brummett** was named Gatorade's

New Hampshire Soccer Player of the Year for a third time was no surprise. But that does not mean it wasn't well-deserved after she scored a state record 86 goals and pushed her career total to another state record 222, which with one more year to go could go past 300.

**Coming and Going:** Bishop Guertin DB/WR **Nick Lorden** was the lone local among the 15 players committing to UNH on college football signing day. He goes to Durham after a season with 41 catches for 840 yards and 17 TDs as he earned All-State honors.

**Sports 101 Answer:** The dual coach and player Basketball Hall of Famers are **John Wooden**, **Bill Sharman**, **Lenny Wilkens** and **Tommy Heinsohn**.

**On This Date – Feb. 11: 1966 – Willie Mays** signs highest baseball contract ever at \$130,000 per year. **1990 – James "Buster" Douglas** stuns the world by knocking out unbeatable Mike Tyson to win heavyweight crown. **1997 – The border war** is set off as **Bill Parcells** jilts the Patriots to become HC of the NYJs. 🌩️

## The Numbers

**10 & 10** – points and rebounds for **Mikayla Kaul** as West took out John Stark 42-31 when **Taylor Ricard** had a game-high 15 points. **11** – shots made from downtown in Central's 76-68 win over Bedford when five came from **Evan McDonald** while **Jaylen LeRory** had two more among his game-high 29 points.

**17 & 9** – points and rebounds from **Courtney O'Connor** as Bedford blasted Memori-

al 58-31 when **Maddie Blake** chipped in with 14 more for B-Town.

**19** – points for Bedford's **Ali Glennon** as Saint Anselm downed Franklin Pierce 78-70 in a game iced by Glennon's six points in the final 1:23.

**21** – points from **Akok (squared) Akok** in a stat-sheet-filling game with seven boards and five blocks as well, as West moved to 9-1 with a 68-45 win over John Stark when **Joe Simpson** chipped in 20 more for the

Blue Knights.

**44** – combined points from SNHU's one-two punch of **Rodney Sanders** and **Chris Walters**, who had 23 and 21 points respectively in leading the Penmen to an 82-70 win over Assumption on Wednesday night.

**50** – shots taken in goal by Bedford to just 5 for Pinkerton in a 7-1 win over the Astros when **Zach Bayer** and **Alex (I'm) Abad (man)** each had a pair of goals for the 9-1 Bulldogs. 🌩️

## Sports Glossary

**Mike Martz:** The **Butch Hobson** of football, who got his job after the Rams brass pushed out SB winner **Dick Vermeil** because they feared Martz might be hired elsewhere. Got to wonder if it ever occurred to those dopes that scoring all those points had more to do with **Marshall Faulk**, **Kurt Warner** and their great receivers than the X's and O's of the bespectacled Martz.

**Butch Hobson:** In the dumbest move in team history besides selling the Babe to NY, he became Red Sox manager after the superior in every way **Joe Morgan** was dumped because they were afraid someone would snap Butch up. Yikes!

**Worst Decisions in World History:** (5) **Pete Carroll** passing instead of running **M. Lynch** on the goal line with SB 49 on the line. (4) **Custer's** last stand — unlike poor George Armstrong, at least Petey got to walk away after his boo-boo. (3) Coke switching formulas in 1980 when it was the highest-selling soft drink in history. (2) **Adolf Hitler** double-crossing **Joe Stalin** in WWII by opening the eastern front in the teeth of a brutal Russian winter. (1) Given what transpired in WWII, any time anyone named their son Adolf after that.

**Matt Millen:** The worst general manager in NFL history. Best known for taking a wide receiver with Detroit's first-round draft choice for seemingly 14 straight years, with the irony being, based on the "enough is enough" theory, the only one (**Calvin Johnson**) that worked out was the one that got him fired.

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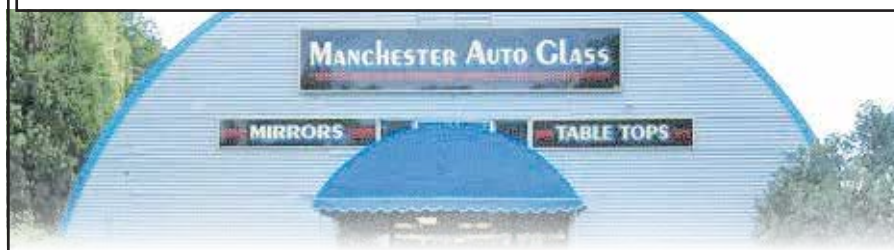
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# Treat Yourself

Valentine's Day could be a source of despair if you're not in a relationship, but it doesn't have to be. There are plenty of things

that singletons can do to pamper themselves that don't involve sweatpants, Ben & Jerry's and Netflix (although that's cool, too, if that's how you roll). We found a bunch of fun events happening during Valentine's Day weekend that you can go to alone or with friends — or, yes, with your significant other, if you've got one of those — plus events that are strictly for singles. We also got some advice for how to pamper yourself, and we talked to a local “random acts of kindness” expert about how to share the love with strangers, friends and acquaintances, and why doing so is good for you, too.



## Fun with friends

Spend Valentine's Day with someone — anyone — you love

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Looking for something to do with your best friend, your sister or by yourself? Valentine's Day fun isn't just for couples. Here are some activities that anyone can enjoy on the day (and weekend) of love.

### Head outdoors

#### Portsmouth Fire & Ice Festival

**When:** Wednesday, Feb. 10, to Monday, Feb. 15

**Where:** Various locations in Portsmouth

**Tickets:** Varies based on event

**Visit:** [goportsmouthnh.com/what-to-do/festivals/fire-ice-festival](http://goportsmouthnh.com/what-to-do/festivals/fire-ice-festival)

Weekend activities include Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Duck Pond (\$5 to \$15), street party and ice sculpting demonstration with fire dances at PortWalk Place (free), dog sled rides (\$35) and more.

#### Ice Castles

**When:** Open Friday, 3 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 10 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 8 p.m. (depending on weather)

**Where:** 64 Railroad St., Lincoln

**Tickets:** Varies based on age and purchase time

**Visit:** [icecastles.com/lincoln](http://icecastles.com/lincoln)

Wander through a structure made entirely of snow and ice. Stop by Saturday or Sunday between 1 and 5 p.m. to see the Ice Princesses. Dress for the cold temps and be sure to wear good boots.

#### Valentine's Snowshoe Hike & Campfire

**When:** Saturday, Feb. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Where:** Beaver Brook Association, 117 Ridge Road, Hollis

**Tickets:** \$50 for two people

**Visit:** [beaverbrook.org](http://beaverbrook.org)

Take a peaceful hike along a candlelit trail on the way to a bonfire with homemade refreshments, hot mulled wine and mulled cider.

### See a show

#### Nonsense A-Men

**When:** Friday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 13, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester

**Tickets:** Range from \$25 to \$45

**Visit:** [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org)

It's the second-longest-running musical in off-Broadway's history. Support the Order of the Little Sisters of Hoboken, made up of former circus performers, ballerinas and puppeteers, as they put on a variety show to earn funds for their parish. The show includes singing, dancing, an audience quiz and comedy.

#### Rhapsody in Black

**When:** Friday, Feb. 12, at 8 p.m.

**Where:** Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord

**Tickets:** \$20 for adults, \$15 for students

**Visit:** [ccanh.com](http://ccanh.com)

*Rhapsody in Black* is a one-man show that explores LeLand Gantt's personal journey to understand and eventually transcend racism in America. Written and performed by LeLand Gantt and developed at NYC's Actors Studio by Estelle Parsons.

#### Blizzard of Orchids

**When:** Friday, Feb. 12, from 1 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Where:** Courtyard Marriott, 2200 Southwood Drive, Nashua

**Tickets:** \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors 65+, free for children under 12. \$15 for a three-day daytime pass

**Visit:** [nhorchids.org](http://nhorchids.org)

New Hampshire Orchid Society hosts its 25th annual orchid show and sale. Includes guest speakers, free guided tours, exhibits, plants, supplies, jewelry, artwork and more.

#### Juanito Pascual New Flamenco Trio — A Valentine's Day Celebration

**When:** Sunday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m.

**Where:** The Music Hall Loft, 131 Congress St., Portsmouth

**Tickets:** \$27.50

**Visit:** [themusichall.org](http://themusichall.org)

#### Aida

**When:** Sunday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester

**Tickets:** \$20 to \$75

**Visit:** [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org)

Presented by Opera New Hampshire, fully staged grand opera with 37 orchestra



members, cast and chorus. Plot is a love-in-war-time story.

#### Coast-It Notes

**When:** Sunday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m.  
**Where:** Dover Public Library, 73 Locust St., Dover  
**Tickets:** Free  
**Visit:** library.dover.nh.gov  
A cappella group of young, area professionals will perform a set of love songs.

#### Hearts and arts

##### Muse Paintbar

**When:** Friday, Feb. 12, through Sunday, Feb. 14  
**Where:** Muse Paintbar, 42 Hanover St., Manchester  
**Tickets:** Prices vary per painting  
**Visit:** musepaintbar.com  
On Friday, paint two trees and one heart (as a single or couple); on Saturday, paint swinging birds or a fluttering heart, and on Sunday paint snow love birds or an umbrella embrace.

##### Cork & Canvas

**When:** Sunday, Feb. 14  
**Where:** Cork & Canvas Paint and Sip, 84 N. Main St., Concord  
**Tickets:** \$35 per painting  
**Visit:** concordpaintandsip.com  
Choose from three paintings throughout the afternoon, each with a love theme.

##### Graffiti Paintbar

**When:** Friday, Feb. 12, through Sunday, Feb. 14  
**Where:** Graffiti Paintbar, 2 Celli Drive, Nashua  
**Tickets:** Prices vary per painting  
**Visit:** graffitipaintbarcalendar.com  
Paint a wintry scene with polar bears in love Friday night; love birds or a message in the sand (for couples or solo) on Saturday; a snow couple, the "key to my heart" or a heart tree with birds (for couples or solo) on Sunday.

#### Fun with food

##### Sweet Remedies: Chocolate & Cordial Making Class

**When:** Thursday, Feb. 11, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Summit Holistic Medicine, Sparrow Holistic Health Center, 92 Portsmouth Ave., Suite 10, Exeter  
**Tickets:** \$35  
**Visit:** summitholisticmedicine.com  
Learn to make herb-infused chocolates, hot chocolate and Damiana cordial love elixir, then take home what you make.

##### Cookin' with Coffee

**When:** Saturday, Feb. 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Where:** Chez Boucher Cooking School, 332 Depot Square, Hampton

**Tickets:** \$99

**Visit:** chezboucher.com

Hands-on class all about cooking with coffee. Menu includes pork tenderloin roulade stuffed with blue cheese and dates, boneless chicken drumsticks with mushroom duxelle and maple coffee glaze, jalapeno cheeseburgers with coffee barbecue sauce, coffee flan and Jamaican coffee brownies.

##### Wine & Chocolate Tasting

**When:** Sunday, Feb. 14, from noon to 4 p.m.  
**Where:** Jewell Towne Vineyards, 183 Whitehall Road, South Hampton  
**Visit:** jewelltownevineyards.com  
Annual event featuring Lindt chocolate.

#### Get sporty

##### Massabesic Audubon Raven's Race 5k

**When:** Sunday, Feb. 14. Registration starts at 6:45 a.m., race begins at 10 a.m.  
**Where:** 26 Audubon Way, Auburn, fields and woods at center to Battery Point  
**Tickets:** \$30 entry fee  
**Visit:** nhaudubon.org/events-and-news/ravens-race-5k/

Snowshoeing race to support the animals and nature education. Come with a partner for the couples division or race individually. Warm up after with hot chili. Snowshoe rentals available on a first come, first served basis.

##### Manchester Monarchs vs. Wheeling Nailers

**When:** Sunday, Feb. 14, at 3 p.m.  
**Where:** Verizon Wireless Arena, 555 Elm St., Manchester  
**Tickets:** Range from \$5 to \$30  
**Visit:** manchestermonarchs.com

##### UNH hockey

Wildcats vs. UVM Catamounts (Men's team)  
**When:** Friday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 13, at 5 p.m.  
**Where:** Whittemore Center Arena, 128 Main St., Durham  
**Tickets:** \$18 to \$24  
**Visit:** unhwildcats.com  
Wildcats vs. BU Terriers (Women's team)  
**When:** Sunday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m.  
**Where:** Whittemore Center Arena, 128 Main St., Durham  
**Tickets:** \$7 for adults, \$5 for youth  
**Visit:** unhwildcats.com

#### Anti-V-Day

If you think the J. Geils Band got it right, head to The Shaskeen (909 Elm St., Manchester, theshaskeenpub.com) with others who think love stinks for the pub's annual **Anti-Valentine's Day party** on Sunday, Feb. 14, at 5 p.m. Wear black and enjoy 1980s anti-love rock ballads in the front room and the Rap-Night Manchester crew in the back.

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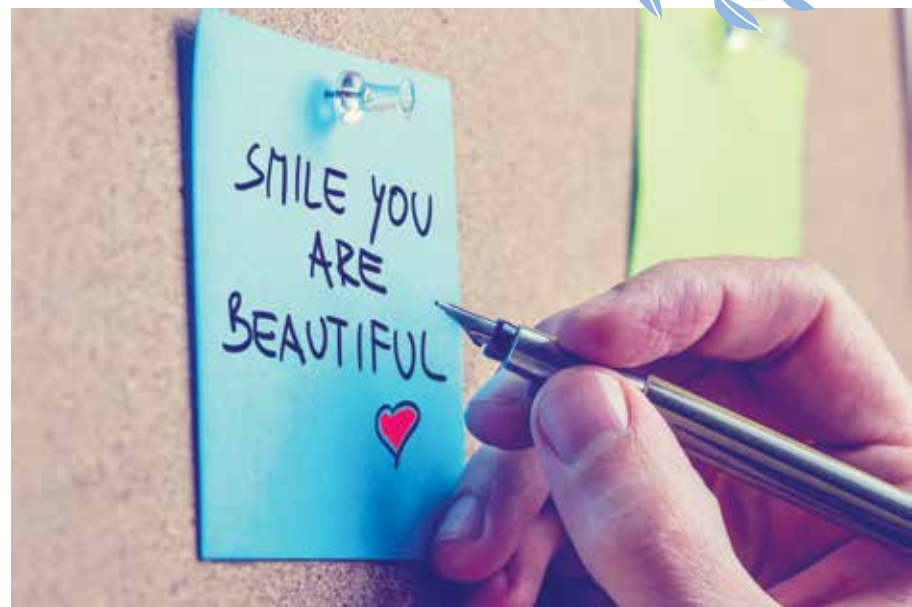
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**Share the love**

No one to romance? No worries



By Angie Sykeny  
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If romance isn't in the cards for you this Valentine's Day, don't lose heart. Instead, use the day as an opportunity to share the love with your family, friends and even strangers.

For some tips on how to do that, the Hippo consulted kindness connoisseur Brenda Perkins, board president of Hearts for Kindness, a nonprofit that seeks to bring the greater Concord community together through miscellaneous acts of kindness and small-scale, situational monetary assistance.

"Acts of kindness are a wonderful thing to do all year long, but Valentine's Day is a great excuse to do a little extra," Perkins said.

### Share the love: at home

For the kids in your life, help them assemble some goodie bags to take to their friends at school, or sneak a tasty treat or nice note in their lunchbox. If you really want to get fancy, you can write fun messages on their lunch items with a food-safe marker.

If you have some family or friends that you don't talk to often, give them a call, or better yet, mail them a card or letter.

"It's kind of a lost art now with text messaging, but who doesn't love getting a nice card in the mail and knowing that someone took the time to think of them?" Perkins said. "And Valentine's Day is the perfect time to break out of that shell and be more verbal about your feelings for the people you care about."

And don't forget about the four-legged members of your family. Pets appreciate a new toy or special treat any day of the year,

so be sure to show them some love on Valentine's Day, too.

### Share the love: at work

Brighten the work day by bringing in some treats for your co-workers. It can be something as simple as a piece of candy on everyone's desk or a box of donuts for the breakroom. If you're kitchen savvy, try whipping up some goodies of your own. Perkins recommends chocolate-covered strawberries for a treat that's easy to make and easy to share.

"People seem to think they are hard to make, but they really aren't," she said. "Just melt some chocolate chips in the microwave for about a minute and 15 seconds, dip the strawberries and put them on some wax paper, stick them in the fridge until they harden. That would make a really nice treat for your co-workers."

### Share the love: while you're out

Spread Valentine's Day cheer everywhere you go by doing random acts of kindness. Even the smallest gesture can have a big impact on a stranger.

"It's one thing to care for our family and friends, because they also care for us," Perkins said. "But there's something special about giving [to] and caring for a stranger. It's a whole different part of your heart that you have to open up."

If you have an old winter coat or one too many pairs of gloves, stop by the nearest homeless shelter and see if that's something they could use. Got a few extra canned goods in your pantry? Drop them off at the local food bank. By making one extra stop on your errand run, you can make a better day for someone in need.

When you pull up to a tollbooth, cover the toll for the next driver, or if you 16 ▶



# Nothing ventured...

Put the ice cream back in the freezer and get out there

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Across New Hampshire this Valentine's Day weekend, there are a number of events catering to singles.

If you are expecting to be alone this Valentine's Day and are already planning a long night of Netflix, snuggles and comfort food, Janis Lewis, the vice president of Together of New Hampshire, has some advice.

"Nothing ventured, nothing gained," said Lewis. "You don't have to be with someone to celebrate Valentine's."

Together is a matchmaking and singles events organization. The last vestige of a once nationwide dating franchise before the advent of online dating, it has been making a comeback.

Its president, Fred Sullivan, echoes Lewis' sentiment. He says if you stay in, you can count on not meeting anyone new.

"Nothing happens. You're not going to meet anybody. Nothing's going to change," Sullivan said. "By all accounts, there's thousands of things to do."

Together is hosting a Valentine's Day singles dance at the Castleton Banquet and Conference Center in Windham on Friday, Feb. 12.

"It's a nice evening out to come meet other like-minded adults in a nice setting," Sullivan said.

He says the company prides itself on securing high-end venues for its dances where members dress up and enjoy free hors d'oeuvres and DJ-request music.

"We attract a more mature crowd. Typically 40 plus," Sullivan said.

Together co-promotes its dances with Meetup.com, which is a good place to find all kinds of social events for singles of all ages. There are Meetup groups in New



Hampshire for single parents, Christians and senior citizens.

Sullivan says he's partnered with speed dating organizations in the past.

If you want to try a less traditional form of speed dating this Valentine's and are also an avid skier, try Black Mountain's 9th annual Chairlift Speed Dating program on Saturday, Feb. 13.

It's free to register but you pay \$55 for a lift ticket. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. and the speed dating goes from 2 to 4 p.m. They pair you up based on age and answers you provide in a questionnaire, and you chat during your 10-minute ride up the mountain.

"We call it 10 minutes to fall in love," said Kathy Zeiders at Black Mountain.

There are prizes for things like worst pickup line, plus live music by local artists. The Black Mountain Winter Festival is also happening that day, so there will be vendor booths selling crafts as well.

"We usually have a pretty good time. We actually had a couple two or three years ago that actually met during the chairlift speed dating and they actually got married and came back here last year," Zeiders said.

## SINGLES EVENTS

### Feb. 12

Together of NH Singles Dance at the Castleton, 58 Enterprise Drive, Windham. Visit [togethernh.com](http://togethernh.com) for more info or reach them at 800-688-5644, [togethernh@msn.com](mailto:togethernh@msn.com).

### Feb. 13

Chairlift Speed Dating at Black Mountain, 373 Black Mountain Road, Jackson. Visit [blackmt.com](http://blackmt.com) for more info or reach them at 383-4490, [ski@blackmt.com](mailto:ski@blackmt.com).

### Feb. 14

Valentine's Contra Dance and Potluck at Old Gilmanton Town Hall, 1800 Route 140, Gilmanton. The dance goes from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$8 and you are encouraged to bring a dish for the dinner following the dance. Visit [meetup.com](http://meetup.com) for more info.

Go bowling at the NH Baby Boomer Mixer at the Bowl-O-Rama Family Fun Center at 599 Route 1, Portsmouth, and drink and eat pizza at the Bratskellar Pub at 980 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth. The event starts at noon. Visit [meetup.com](http://meetup.com) for more info.

Check out the annual Valentine's Day Mixer organized by Dynamic Introductions and co-promoted by the Bedford/Southern NH Adventures for Singles Meetup group. It's taking place at Arena Sportsbar and Nightclub at 53 High St., Nashua. It starts at 4 p.m. and costs \$17 in advance or \$25 at the door. There will be free food and \$5 drink specials along with a DJ, door prizes and fun games. Visit [meetup.com](http://meetup.com) for more info or reach Elaine Saunders at 262-1560 or [elaine@dynamicintroductions.com](mailto:elaine@dynamicintroductions.com)

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# Treat yourself .....

How to make Valentine's Day all about you



By Kelly Sennott  
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Don't get your hair, makeup and nails done for someone else — do it for you.

"Who doesn't want to look good for themselves?" said Jaime Smith, clinical esthetician and assistant manager of Chill Spa in Manchester. "Everyone deserves to be treated. Everybody works really hard. And everybody needs time for themselves."

She argues it's a sure-fire way to make you feel good, whether you're spending the

holiday in a relationship or single.

"If you don't feel like you look good, you're not going to feel good on the inside," Smith said. "When I go out, I look good for me. It doesn't have to be for somebody else. Celebrate the fact you're happy with who you are."

So go ahead — get your back massaged, your makeup done, your nails painted or your hair cut, colored or blown out. Treat yourself, because Feb. 14 occurs on a weekend this year, and you won't have to miss work to do it.

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◀ 14 go out for a cup of coffee, buy one for the person behind you.

Perhaps the easiest way to make someone smile is with kind words. Pay a compliment to the cashier or the person next to you in line. Write an uplifting message on a post-it note and stick it on the mirror in a public bathroom or the gym locker room.

itive effect on [the giver]," Perkins said. "It's a different level of happiness. It makes them feel good to feel like they've contributed, and they feel love in their heart."

For more ideas on how to share the love, and to read inspirational stories about acts of kindness and learn about volunteer and giving opportunities in the Concord area, visit [facebook.com/hearts4kindness](https://facebook.com/hearts4kindness).

## Share the love, help yourself

Since Valentine's Day is commonly associated with romantic love, being single can give you space to explore other forms of love and turn your attention to the non-romantic relationships in your life.

"If you feel bad because you're single on a day when people are thinking about love, don't look at it that way," Perkins said. "There are all kinds of love to be celebrated, and anytime you can think on a positive instead of a negative, it'll have a better effect on you."

Spending your Valentine's Day focused on others is also a much healthier alternative to isolating yourself and dwelling on negative emotions. Plus, whether you're single or not, doing acts of kindness is a great way to lift your spirit and boost self-esteem.

"I joke sometimes about how selfish it is to give, because it does have such a pos-



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16 For skin-deep satisfaction, Kae Mason, owner of Salon K in Concord, said one of the most relaxing things you can do is get an Aveda facial. At Salon K, that involves massage and aromatherapy techniques. Just as important, you look good at the end.

"I've never had a client come out of the facial and not freak out and [be] amazed at how phenomenal their skin is. So many people flag me down the first time, amazed by the results," Mason said.

The key is to look at the kind of facial you're getting; anything with the word "extraction" might be painful or irritating, so check with your spa beforehand to learn what kinds are available. But most, Mason said, normally range from an hour to an hour and 15 minutes.

Veronica Kerr, owner of Spa Specialist Beauty Within, is offering a chocolate aromatic facial and chocolate massage special for the month of February — a way to indulge without ruining your New Year's resolution.

But Kerr said people come in regularly for the non-chocolate versions, too, either to address specific issues or just to wind down and relax.

"I do have people who come in who just want relaxation, or to de-stress," Kerr said. "I used to be a single mom. One of the hardest things is spending money on yourself. ... But what I tell my clients is, in order to take care of other people, you have to take care of yourself, or else there's nothing left to give. You've got to replenish. ... [Getting a massage] is rejuvenating, and it gives you the ability to kind of be able to give back to people."

Mason said she sees a lot of people in the salon this time of year who are looking for more color and edge to warm up the short days of the winter season. It's when she performs the most dramatic hairstyle makeovers.

"People aren't getting as much sunlight, so lack of sunlight, vitamin D, these are all things that bring people down these seasons," Mason said. "Things like facials and hair are huge around Valentine's Day. ... It's the No. 1 time to do drastic changes in women. It's a fact."

If you don't have a lot of time on Valentine's Day, you can still treat yourself. Just go for the express options. Smith said Chill Spa offers five-minute makeup application consultations and 30-minute shampoo and hair blow-outs on Feb. 14 (or any other day of the week) as well as "simply chill" facials, which don't require a robe and take only 30 minutes.

If you have specific skin requirements or time constraints, consult beforehand so you can get exactly what you want, from manicures and pedicures to spray tans and back facials. (Guys can enjoy spa time, too; at Chill, it's called "chill Man.")

Afterward, don't stay in just because you don't have a date. Smith said her clients often make plans post-spa. They feel good, and they want to be seen, either by friends or out on the town at a bar, restaurant or concert.

"When they leave, you can tell their confidence goes up. Their chins are a little higher, they're standing a little taller. You can tell they know they look good. There's confidence, when they step out of the door," Smith said. 🌸

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# THIS WEEK

EVENTS TO CHECK OUT FEBRUARY 11 - 17, 2016, AND BEYOND



## Wednesday, Feb. 10

The **Fire & Ice Festival** in downtown Portsmouth has winter fun for the whole family from Wednesday, Feb. 10, through Monday, Feb. 15. Enjoy a long weekend of food, theater performances, live music, ice skating, ice sculpting demonstrations, dog sled rides and the popular Fire & Ice Bar Crawl. Some activities require tickets. Visit [goportsmouthnh.com](http://goportsmouthnh.com) for more information, including a full schedule of events.



## Thursday, Feb. 11

Don't miss the final weekend of **Nunsense A-Men!** at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester). The musical follows a group of entertainers-turned-nuns who use their talents to put on a variety show to earn funds for their parish. Showtimes are Thursday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 13, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$25 to \$45. Visit [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org).



## Friday, Feb. 12

**Blizzard of Orchids**, the New Hampshire Orchid Society's 25th annual show and sale, will be at the Courtyard Marriott (2200 Southwood Drive, Nashua) on Friday, Feb. 12, from 1 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a speaker program and free guided tours daily, exhibits, plants, supplies, jewelry, artwork and more. An awards ceremony will be held on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m., with a cash bar. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and free for children under 12. Visit [nhorchids.org](http://nhorchids.org).



## Friday, Feb. 12

**Deadpool** (R) hits theaters. After undergoing a rogue experiment to cure his cancer, a former special forces operative is left with disfigured skin, a twisted sense of humor and accelerated healing powers. Taking on the alter ego Deadpool, he sets out to find the man behind the experiment that nearly ruined his life. Based on the Marvel comic. Starring Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin and Ed Skrein.



## Sunday, Feb. 14

Embark on a snowy adventure this Valentine's Day at the Massabesic Audubon's (26 Audubon Way, Auburn) inaugural **Raven's Race 5K Snowshoeing Event**, beginning at 10 a.m. You can go it alone or bring your valentine to compete in the Couple's Division. Awards will be given to the top finishers. Stick around for some hot chili after the race. The entry fee is \$30. Visit [nhaudubon.org/events-and-news/ravens-race-5k](http://nhaudubon.org/events-and-news/ravens-race-5k).

Eat: Chocolate

Have a sweet Valentine's weekend at the first annual **Downtown Nashua Chocolate Stroll**. On Friday, Feb. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 18 shops and boutiques along Main Street will offer complimentary chocolates to visitors. For more information, including a full list of participating locations, visit [facebook.com/downtownnashua](http://facebook.com/downtownnashua).

Drink: Tea

The Cozy Tea Cart Shoppe and Cafe (104 Route 13, Brookline) is hosting a **Valentine's Day Afternoon Tea** on Sunday, Feb. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. Enjoy a variety of breads, sandwiches, pastries and fine-quality teas. The cost is \$34.95 per person, and reservations are required. Visit [thecozyteacart.com](http://thecozyteacart.com).

Be Merry: With dog sledding

Laconia will host the 87th annual **World Championship Sled Dog Derby** from Friday, Feb. 12, through Sunday, Feb. 14, with races beginning at 10 a.m. each day. Races will include a 15-mile unlimited race and six-mile six-dog, three-dog and one-dog races. Teams compete for trophies and cash prizes, and an awards ceremony will be held on Sunday at 4 p.m. at Laconia Country Club (607 Elm St.). Visit [lrsdc.org](http://lrsdc.org) for the map and full schedule.

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# Nude photoshoots

Players take on *Calendar Girls* with artfully arranged props

By Kelly Sennott

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The Community Players of Concord's upcoming production, *Calendar Girls*, is about a group of middle-aged women who create a nude calendar to raise money for a more comfortable sofa in the local hospital's visitors lounge.

Audition turnout was tremendous. Lots of women wanted to be calendar girls.

Directors and producers speculated why at a Monday night rehearsal at the Players' Studio last week. For one, these kinds of characters — not mother or grandmother roles, aimed at women over 40 — are rare in theater, even more so in community theater. *Calendar Girls* is full of them.

"There's a strong contingent of women of that age in the group. It's why we had such a good turnout and why people are so excited about the show," Director Steve Lajoie said.

And as far as producers know, this marks the first time *Calendar Girls* hits New Hampshire, and it might be the last time for a while.

Theater rights were pulled soon after they became available, because the musical version, now touring England, will soon hit the States. The nude scene, in which women pose for the photos, is only a tiny snippet, and it has a burlesque taste with "artfully arranged" props — tea-

cups, saucers, rolls of wool — to keep a PG rating.

Most of all, the story, they said, is compelling.

"They're excellent roles. And Steve was very careful, explaining how he was going to handle the so-called nudity, because there's no real nudity in the play," said Allwynne Fine, the show's producer. "It's such a minute part of the play. It takes maybe two to three minutes to do the flash of the poses. But the play is about so much more than that."

The play is based on the 2003 film with Helen Mirren and Julie Walters, which is based on a true story about a group of Yorkshire women who raised money for leukemia research in 1999. Both the play and the screenplay were written by Tim Firth.

At the story's center are two friends, Annie and Chris, who hit on the idea when Annie's husband, John, dies from leukemia. They convince a group women of the Knapely branch of the Women's Institute (kind of like a female Elks club) to pose nude while performing traditional WI activities, like baking and knitting and drinking tea, to raise money for the hospital's very uncomfortable visitors couch. Hordes of press descend on their little village.

"They end up not only raising enough money to replace the couch, but the calendar goes viral, all over the world," Kim Lajoie, who plays Chris, said at the rehearsal, just before jumping into the first scene. (She's also married to Steve Lajoie.)

Meanwhile, Nora McBurnett, who plays Elaine from the local beauty salon, was in the back room prepping her camera and a large screen for actor headshots to hang in the front lobby come showtime.

Steve Lajoie sat at the front of the



The cast of *Calendar Girls*. Courtesy photo.

space, notebook in hand as cast read their lines with Yorkshire accents.

He later said the movie is "a mile wide and an inch deep," covering a lot of geography but with little room for character development. Because characters remain local in the play, there's more room for those goodies, which is what Lajoie likes about the show.

"In the past, shows written about women in this age group strike me as condescending — shows like *Steel Magnolias*," Steve Lajoie said. "I read this one, and it didn't strike me that way at all. They were fully developed characters, really interesting women, and the playwright took the time to develop each person. ... The important thing is to be as

realistic and as honest with this as possible. There are some theatrical moments in it, but the characters have to be 100 percent real and believable for this to work."

The cast and crew said, between practicing scenes, they were very excited to produce something new for Concord, and also for New Hampshire.

"It's nice to do Agatha Christie, but boy, it's nice to do something brand-new," Lajoie said.

They think it will resonate with Concord audiences.

"I think people will identify with this play. Because everybody knows somebody who's terminally ill, and everybody knows somebody who's on a cause," Fine said. 🍀

## See *Calendar Girls*

**Where:** Concord Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord

**When:** Friday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m.

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# CURTAIN

## CALL

Notes from the theater scene

• **Eric Valliere moves on to Boston Symphony Orchestra:** After 11 years as executive director with Symphony New Hampshire, Eric Valliere accepted a job as assistant artistic administrator with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. In the new position, Valliere will work with BSO Music Director Andris Nelsons on planning and programming a variety of the orchestra's performance and educational activities, according to the release.

"It's something of a dream job for me," Valliere said in a press release, "allowing me to focus on the part of my work I've always loved the most: the music."

Music Director Jonathan McPhee said Valliere will be missed, and that he credited the former executive director for the creative environment within the symphony in which musicians could focus energies on the music, rather than the day-to-day operations. Board President Robert Oot also expressed thanks to Valliere, and he said that despite Valliere's leaving, finances remain stable and artistic and budgetary planning is already in place for next year. The board has started a national search for Valliere's successor.

• **Prescott Park Arts Festival show announced:** The summer of 2016 will be under the sea with *The Little Mermaid*, which will take the Prescott Park stage in Portsmouth June 24 and run each week, Thursday through Sunday, until Aug. 21. The play features music by eight-time Academy Award-winner Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater and book by Doug Wright. For the first time in the festival's 42-year history, crew members will build more than 80



The New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus. Courtesy photo.

costumes from scratch for the annual summer musical.

"There are a limited number of shows that fit the festival's objectives, and *The Little Mermaid* has been sitting on top of my wish list for years," festival president Ben Anderson said in a press release. "We locked the rights for this production the day they became available, three months before I usually pull the trigger."

David Kaye will direct, and the musical will feature a full cast of more than 40 actors, including 20 kids. Adult and youth cast auditions are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 27, and Sunday, Feb. 28, at UNH's Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, Durham. All auditions are by appointment; email kaitlin@prescottpark.org or visit prescottpark.org or call 436-2848.

• **National audience:** On Feb. 5, the New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus sang for Democratic presidential candidates, plus Gov. Maggie Hassan and Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, at the McIntyre-Shaheen 100 Club Celebration at the Verizon Wireless Arena for one of the largest political rallies in New Hampshire history. It featured speeches by Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, and other dignitaries and was the biggest audience in NHGMC history, according to a press release. For more on the group, visit nhgmc.com.

— Kelly Sennott

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## Theater

### Productions

• **SURVIVING EVIL: THE HOLOCAUST THROUGH THE STORY OF STEPHAN H. LEWY** Manchester Community Theatre Players production. Wednesday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m. Daniel Webster College, 20 University Drive, Nashua. \$8 for adults, \$5 for students. Call 620-8553. Visit manchestercommunitytheatre.com.

• **THE MUSICAL OF MUSICALS: THE MUSICAL** Not Your Mom's Musical Theater production. Featuring Rodgers & Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, Jerry Herman, Andrew Lloyd

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• **MOON FOR THE MISBEHAVING** Walnut Street Theatre's retelling of Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Eugene O'Neill's last play. Thurs., Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. Dana Center for the Humanities, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester. \$33.75. Call 641-7700.

• **NUNSENSE A-MEN** Palace Theatre production. Jan. 22 through Feb. 13. Palace Theatre,

80 Hanover St., Manchester. \$25-\$45. Call 668-5588. Visit palace-theatre.org.

• **THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE** Peacock Players production. Rated PG-13. Fri., Feb. 12, at 7 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 13, at 2 and 7 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 14, at 2 p.m.; Fri., Feb. 19, at 7 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 20, at 2 and 7 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 21, at 2 p.m. Janice B. Streeter Theater, 14 Court St., Nashua. \$10-\$17. peacockplayers.org. 886-7000.

• **RHAPSODY IN BLACK** One-person show by LeLand Gantt that explores his journey to understand racism in America. Fri., Feb.

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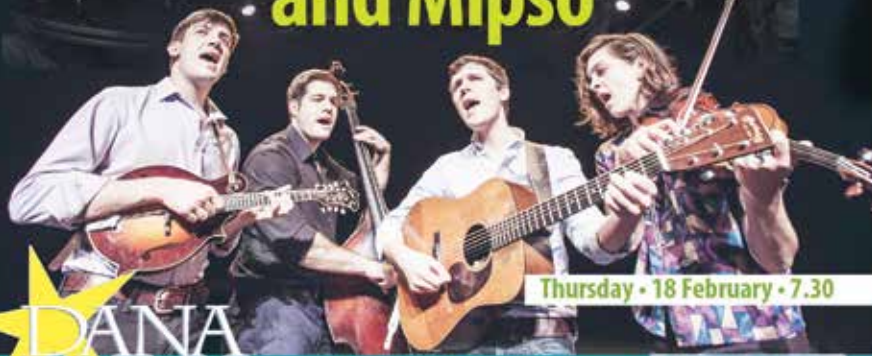
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## Beach studio

StudioVerne an oasis of sea-themed glass art

By Kelly Sennott  
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Walking into StudioVerne is like strolling onto the beach, with an assortment of blues, greens and violets hitting you as soon as you move through its doors.

Verne Orlosk's glass art studio and gallery space is small, but it doesn't feel that way, with big glass windows out front, hardwood floors and tall brick walls meeting up with high ceilings. All around are visions of sand, water, starfish and beach chairs.

Colors bounce from the glass art filling the cubby spaces out front and shelving along the side wall. Beside her desk sits a table of driftwood collected from the beach near her Salisbury home, and farther back is a rainbow of organized glass art materials, categorized by color and placed in round plastic containers.

"All my work is stacked and stored. I had to do it in a way that was organized, so I can keep track of what I do," said Orlosk, who wore violet glasses, an aqua frock and a swirling, seaweed-like scarf during the visit. "The wood is right from the beach, from the last storm. It's all from one day, walking along the beach at low tide."

Orlosk celebrates her second anniversary at the Hanover Street studio this spring. She taught at the Currier Art Center for years, but with the studio move, she wanted a place with more visibility, more passersby, and a chance to focus on her own work. It boasts a prime location, across from the Palace Theatre and Muse Paintbar and beside a new framing business, Creative Framing Solutions. Every

### Visit StudioVerne

**Where:** 81 Hanover St., Manchester  
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### Take a class

**Butterflies are the Best:** Create colorful glass butterflies, Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 27, from 10 a.m. to noon or 2 to 4 p.m.

**Shining Suncatchers:** Create glass suncatchers, Wednesday, March 9, or Wednesday, March 23, from 6 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 12, or Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to noon or 2 to 4 p.m.

**Driftwood Dreams:** Make a wreath with Orlosk's driftwood and shell collection, Saturday, April 2, or Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Cost:** All workshops are \$60, for two to three hours, open for beginners 13 years old to adult; finished work will be fired and ready for pick-up the week following.



Verne Orlosk. Kelly Sennott photo.

once in a while, she can hear dancers, singers and musicians practicing upstairs.

Orlosk still hosts workshops, but they're quirky and full of character. Recent classes involved making beautiful, miniscule glass chocolate squares, tiny works of art pretty enough to eat, and in upcoming courses, students will make driftwood wreaths and glass butterflies.

"I think what most people like about doing the workshops — whether it's driftwood or fused glass — is that in two hours they learn something and they create something, even though they come in not thinking they're going to be able to do what the project is," Orlosk said. "The experience, now, is what everyone wants. Which I like. They come in for two hours and they always leave happier with what they made than what they thought they were going to make."

For Orlosk, the medium started out as an experiment when the Currier Art Center needed a fused glass art teacher. But then she found difficulty moving away from it, revelling in the process of working with copper inlay and different color combinations. Her recent pieces are like dioramas with layers of glass that form underwater scenes. They're made with powdered glass of all different sizes — fine, medium, coarse — which help provide textures and details.

The beach remains her muse, and the way she appreciates a piece is to see it and pick it up. A "huge collector," she has bins of souvenirs from walks along the beach. She revels in how a shell fits in her hand, or how its colors fuse together like a sunset or form stripes and patterns. It's one of the reasons she decided to keep her art studio in Manchester when she and her husband sold their Londonderry home and moved to Salisbury. On the coast, it's harder to stay inside on a beach day, and she'd never get any work done.

"I like the fact that, on the beach, everything there changes all the time. It's similar to the mountains," Orlosk said. "But for me, I grew up sailing on the ocean." 🌊



# LOCAL —COLOR—

NH art world news

• **Enamel art:** McGowan Fine Art's latest show, "Alchemy III: Transformations in Enamel," features national and international artists and is on view Feb. 16 through March 18. The show is split between the gallery (10 Hills Ave., Concord, 225-2515, [mcgowanfineart.com](http://mcgowanfineart.com)) and the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's main headquarters (49 S. Main St., Concord, 224-3375, [nhcrafts.org](http://nhcrafts.org)), and it depicts the works of numerous artists exploring the range of enamel possibilities, from large-scale wall and tabletop sculpture to furniture and exquisite jewelry, according to the press release.

• **Culture grants:** The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts announced winners of the 2016 Arts in Education Grants last week: Antrim Elementary School, for an artist residency with Mark Ragonese to create an animal habitat mural; Horne Street School Parents Group in Dover, for an artist residency with Jeff Erwin to address bullying through improvisational music and theater; Maple Street and Harold Martin elementary schools in Hopkinton, for an artist residency with Liz Van Saun to create a mosaic mural; ConVal Regional High School in Peterborough, for multiple artist residencies with multiple artists; Sanborn-ton Central School, for an artist residency with Marty Kelley on using illustration and writing; Somersworth Middle School, for an artist residency with Nancy Grace Horton on integrating science, nutrition and photography; and Warren Village school for an artist residency with Tim Gaudreau to study the local environment through film and video production.

New Hampshire Youth Arts Projects grants went to Arts in Reach, The Orchard

12, at 8 p.m. Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. \$20. [ccanh.com](http://ccanh.com). 225-1111.

• **WONDERLAND!** Lurgio Players production. Fri., Feb. 12, at 7 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 13, at 1 and 7 p.m. Bedford High School, 47 Nashua Road, Bedford. \$7.

• **CALNDAR GIRLS** Community Players of Concord production. Fri., Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 14, at 2 p.m. Concord Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. \$16-\$18. Visit [communityplayersofconcord.org](http://communityplayersofconcord.org).

• **THE LITTLE MERMAID** Goffstown High School production. Fri., Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 14, at 2 p.m.; Fri., Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 20, at 2 &

7:30 p.m. Goffstown High School, 27 Wallace Road, Goffstown. \$15. Visit [goftstown.k12.nh.us](http://goftstown.k12.nh.us).

• **THE SISTERS ROSWEN-WEIG** Manchester Community Theatre Players. Fri., Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 14, 2 p.m. MCTP Theatre, 698 Beech St., Manchester. \$20. [mctp.info](http://mctp.info). 838-3006.

• **AIDA** Opera NH production. Fully-staged with 37 orchestra members, cast and chorus. Sun., Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. \$20-\$75. 668-5588. [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org).

## Art Events

• **LOVE TOUR** Tour of romance-related artwork. Sat., Feb. 13, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Currier Museum of



"Orange Symphony" by Patricia Nelson in "Alchemy III: Transformations in Enamel." Courtesy photo.

School, the United Way of Greater Nashua, Hampton Academy Jr. High School and Girls Inc., Concord. Visit [nh.gov/nharts](http://nh.gov/nharts).

• **Tarbell House destroyed:** A couple weeks ago, a two-alarm fire destroyed the historic house at 152 Portsmouth Ave., New Castle, bought in 1905 by American Impressionist painter Edmund C. Tarbell, according to Seacoast Media Group. There were nine residents living in three units of the building, all unharmed. The fire's cause is under investigation. Tarbell's work is on view at the Discover Portsmouth Center (10 Middle St., Portsmouth) March 4 through June 23 in an exhibition, "Illuminating Tarbell: Life and Art on the Piscataqua," featuring nearly 60 works from the artist's 30 years of living along the Piscataqua River, capturing snapshots of his family, friends, clients, horses and landscape and documenting his life with photos, personal letters and ephemera. Visit [portsmouthhistory.org](http://portsmouthhistory.org).

• **Looking for members:** Eclectic Avenue, located in a Manchester mill building, is looking for artists to work and hold classes in its open-concept space. Rent is \$100 per month. Contact [wallartforyou@yahoo.com](mailto:wallartforyou@yahoo.com) or call 785-2904 for more information. — *Kelly Sennott*

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## Fairs

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• **"LOVE OF MY LIFE"** Nashua Area Artists Association show. Reception Sat., Feb. 13, noon-3 p.m. ArtHUB, 33 Temple St., Nashua. NAAA-ArtHub.org.  
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# INSIDE/OUTSIDE

## Camp craze

February vacation week fun for kids

By Angie Sykeny  
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These February vacation camps offer plenty of fun during school vacation week.

### Art camps

**Art Center Vacation Camp** (669-6144, ext. 122, [currier.org/art-center](http://currier.org/art-center))

**Where:** Currier Museum Art Center, 180 Pearl St., Manchester

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26, morning session from 9 a.m. to noon, afternoon session from 1 to 4 p.m.

**Cost:** \$160 for the week with one session, \$270 for the week with both

In the morning session, "Balancing Act," campers will sculpt, draw, paint, and collage animals, people and things that "hang in the balance." In the afternoon session, "Patterns, Textures, Tangles and Color!" campers will create art inspired by the variety of colors, patterns and textures found in the natural world. For ages 5 to 14. Extended care option available.

**Fridge Art Camp** (781-8944, [refrigeratordoor.org](http://refrigeratordoor.org))

**Where:** The Refrigerator Door, 7 Chestnut Drive, Bedford

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon

**Cost:** \$190

Campers will learn the elements of art and create a piece for a show at the end of the week. For ages 4 to 12.

**The World of the Wild/Teen Wheel Throwing** (232-5597, [550arts.com](http://550arts.com))

**Where:** Studio 550 Art Center, 550 Elm St., Manchester

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26, times TBA

**Cost:** \$155

In The World of the Wild, campers will use clay, paper and other media to explore plants and animals (for ages 6 to 10). In Teen Wheel Throwing, campers will learn the basics of how to throw on a pottery wheel (for ages 11 to 17).

### General interest camps

**Concord Family YMCA** (228-9622, [concordymca.org](http://concordymca.org))

**Where:** 15 N. State St., Concord

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$40 per day, \$168 for week for members, \$50/\$188 for non-members.

Each day will feature fun activities like archery, rock wall climbing, swimming and field trips. For grades K to 6.

**New Hampshire SPCA** (772-2921, [nhspca.org](http://nhspca.org))

**Where:** NHSPCA Learning Center, 104 Portsmouth Ave., Stratham

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Wednesday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Cost:** \$60 per day

Camp features games, activities and crafts as well as time to visit with the animals. For ages 6 to 12.

**Time Travelers** (742-2002, [childrens-museum.org](http://childrens-museum.org))

**Where:** Children's Museum of New Hampshire, 6 Washington St., Dover

**When:** Tuesday, Feb. 23, through Thursday, Feb. 25, 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Cost:** \$150

Campers will learn about historical time periods through crafts, games, celebrations and more. For ages 6 to 8.

**Winter Workshop** (422-7541, [strawberyanke.org](http://strawberyanke.org))

**Where:** Strawberry Banke Museum, 14 Hancock St., Portsmouth

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon

**Cost:** \$30 per day

Campers will become immersed in the past through crafts, historic cooking, games and dress-up. For grades 1 to 5. Optional ice skating time from noon to 1:30 p.m. (rental skates are \$5). Extended care option available.

**YMCA of Greater Londonderry** (647-9622, [graniteymca.org](http://graniteymca.org))

**Where:** 206 Rockingham Road, Londonderry

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26

**Cost:** Call for details

Kids can enjoy themed days like Harry Potter, Star Wars, and fun with superhero crafts. February Trip Camp includes travel to Lego Land Discovery Center and Derry Sports Zone. Specialty Camp will give kids the chance to enjoy arts and crafts, gym time and more. For grades K to 8.

**YMCA of Downtown Manchester** (232-8670, [graniteymca.org](http://graniteymca.org))

**Where:** 30 Mechanic St., Manchester

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26

**Cost:** Call for details

Kids can enjoy cooking, sports, swim time, fun science experiments and cooperative team building games. Aquatics fun and fitness will give kids the chance to enjoy the pool and more. For grades K to 8.

**YMCA Allard Center of Goffstown** (497-4663 ext 103, [graniteymca.org](http://graniteymca.org))

**Where:** 116 Goffstown Back Road, Goffstown

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26

**Cost:** Call for details

Kids can enjoy swimming, open

gymnastics, the climbing gym, arts and crafts, sports games and organized free play. Kids can work on card making, scrapbooking, painting and more. For grades K to 8.

**YMCA of Strafford County** (994-4117, [graniteymca.org](http://graniteymca.org))

**Where:** 35 Industrial Way, Rochester; Horne Street School, 78 Horne St., Dover

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26

**Cost:** Call for details

Kids can enjoy a visit from Wildlife Encounters, spend the day at Camp Coney Pine and have fun with crafts and group activities. Kids will have the chance to try bowling, laser tag, ice-skating and more. For grades K to 8.

**YMCA of the Seacoast** (431-2334, [graniteymca.org](http://graniteymca.org))

**Where:** 550 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26

**Cost:** Call for details

Kids can enjoy fun-filled activities including swimming, gym games, fitness fun, arts and crafts, outdoor play and more. For grades K to 8.

### Media camps

**Create Your Own Video Game** (742-2002, [childrens-museum.org](http://childrens-museum.org))

**Where:** Children's Museum of New Hampshire, 6 Washington St., Dover

**When:** Tuesday, Feb. 23, through Thursday, Feb. 25, 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Campers will learn the basics of programming and game design while working in groups to create, test and play their own video games. For ages 9 to 12.

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**Go fish**

Spend the weekend learning how to ice fish at Amoskeag Fishways' (4 Fletcher St., Manchester) **Let's go ICE Fishing!** two-part program, instructed by staff and volunteers from New Hampshire Fish and Game. On Friday, Feb. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m., participants will learn about ice safety, fish ecology, equipment and more. On Saturday, Feb. 13, from 9 a.m. to noon, participants can try out their newly learned skills on the ice during an organized field trip. No fishing license is required, and all gear will be provided. This program is free and open to ages 8 and up. Registration is required. Call 626-3474 or visit [amoskeagfishways.org](http://amoskeagfishways.org).

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Families are invited to the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester) for a Creative Studio day on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Create wax resist **Valentine's cards** to give to your loved ones. All ages are welcome. This project is free with general admission to the museum. Museum admission is free for New Hampshire residents from 10 a.m. to noon. Visit [currier.org](http://currier.org)

**Children & Teens**

**Children events**

- **ALICE IN WONDERLAND TEA PARTY** Meet Alice and the Queen of Hearts, decorate tasty Valentine treats, do some festive crafts and enjoy some tea or apple juice all while being immersed in a magical Wonderland atmosphere. Fancy dress and whimsical attire is encouraged. Sat., Feb. 13, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and 1 to 2 p.m. The Children's Museum of New Hampshire, 6 Washington St., Dover. \$20 per adult/child pair (Members) and \$25 per adult/child pair (Non-members). \$8/\$10 per additional child. Visit [childrens-museum.org](http://childrens-museum.org) or call 742-2002 to learn more.
- **MAKE & TAKE VALENTINE'S** Stop by and make a card

for someone you love. Sat., Feb. 13, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wilton Public Library, 7 Forest Road, Wilton. Visit [wiltonlibrarynh.org](http://wiltonlibrarynh.org).

- **MINNIE'S VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY** Minnie and Mickey will be in attendance for a meet and greet. Special guest Olaf will stop by as well. There will be games, arts and crafts, cookie decorating, music, dancing, face painting and more. Sat., Feb. 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Gilford Youth Center, 19 Potter Hill Road, Gilford. \$12 per child. Accompanying parents (2 max) are free. Register at [gilfordyouthcenter.com](http://gilfordyouthcenter.com).
- **THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY** Chinese New Year celebration includes a history of the holiday, an authentic Chinese Tea Ceremony demonstration, crafts,

musical and dance entertainment and more. Sat., Feb. 13, 1 p.m. Nesmith Library, 8 Fellows Road, Windham. Free. No registration required. Call 432-7154.

- **NAMASTE YOGA** Strengthen your body and mind and combine books and yoga for some flexible fun. Yoga and meditation are proven to help manage stress, gain flexibility, improve ability to focus, and give a sense of overall wellbeing. Wear comfy clothing you can move in. For ages 7 to 10. Tues., Feb. 16, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford. Free. Registration required. Call 249-0645.
- **BEAVER BROOK ASSOCIATION SNOWSHOE OPEN HOUSE** Ages 3 and up. Come try on some snowshoes, provided by



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Stop by Kimball Library (5 Academy Ave., Atkinson) on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., to **make Valentine's treats**. Create and decorate goodies that you can share with loved ones on Valentine's Day. This activity is open to kids in grades K through 5. Registration is required. Call 362-5234 or visit [kimballlibrary.com](http://kimballlibrary.com).

**Cats & lions**

Join special guest reader Brenda Snow for a storytime at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord) on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 10 a.m. Snow will present **The Silas Series: The Adventures of Silas and Opal**, a series of children's books about a shelter cat named Big Ole Striped Silas and his little sister Miss Opal, who both find their forever home with Grannie Snow. Call 224-0562 or visit [gibsonsbookstore.com](http://gibsonsbookstore.com).

Kids ages 6 and under are invited to a special **Kindermusik program** at Sandown Public Library (305 Main St., Sandown) on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 10 to 11 a.m. Miss Rose from Kindermusik will lead kids in music and movement activities inspired by Disney's upcoming movie *The Lion Guard*. Call 887-0590 or visit [sandownlibrary.us](http://sandownlibrary.us).



# Frosty fun

## Derry Frost Festival offers weekend of winter activities

By Angie Sykeny  
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Snow sports, a chili contest and a puppet show are just a few of the things to do and see during the 17th annual Derry Frost Festival. From Friday, Feb. 12, through Sunday, Feb. 14, there will be free winter activities for all ages happening at various locations around town.

"Sometimes the cost of things prohibits families from going out, so [the festival] has a lot of different activities they may not normally get to do without traveling or paying a fair amount of money," event chair Linda Benson said. "No one has to pay. They can just show up and have fun."

The festival kicks off Friday at 5 p.m. with a spaghetti supper at Hood Middle School (5 Hood Road). Free tickets are available through the Recreation Office.

Saturday activities begin with the 5K for FFA Snowshoe Race at J&F Farms (108 Chester Road). The 2.5K and 5K races start at 11 a.m. See nhffa.org for details.

Stop by Veterans Hall (31 W. Broadway) at noon for a family show, where the library will debut its new puppet show based on William Steig's picture book *The Amazing Bone*. Join in a game of Twister before Wildlife Encounters takes the stage with a program featuring live animals.

Kids' games will be held inside Orange Leaf (55 Crystal Ave.) from 1 to 3 p.m., including a cornhole competition, board games, a coloring contest and a raffle to win a life-size R2-D2 cooler.

For teens, there will be a teen night at the Church of the Transfiguration (1 Hood Road) from 4 to 6 p.m., with various activities, games, crafts, a dance and more. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

Spend an "inconceivable" evening at the Adams Memorial Opera House (29 W. Broadway), where This Is My Derry will present a special showing of *The Princess Bride* at 7:30 p.m. Quoting along and character/time period costumes are encouraged, and prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. (See facebook.com/thisismyDerry for admission details.)

On Sunday, there will be all kinds of outdoor activities at three locations. Alexander-Carr Playground (28 Pierce Ave.) will be open for sledding from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a bonfire starting at noon. Ice Breakers of Manchester will be doing a *Star Wars*-themed ice sculpture demonstration from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kids can warm up inside the lodge with crafts, face-painting and the Frost Festival King & Queen Contest from 1 to 3 p.m.



Courtesy photo.

Grab your skates and head to Gallien's Town Beach (39 Pond Road) from noon to 3 p.m., where there will be open hockey and skating, fun with the Pinkerton Academy Hockey Team, and an ice fishing demonstration at noon. Don't forget to stop by the chili contest to sample and vote for your favorite chili.

HoodKroft Country Club (121 E. Broadway) is the place for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, fat biking and snowmobiling from noon to 4 p.m. Instructors will be on hand to provide demonstrations, tutorials and safety guidelines. If you need a break from the snow sports, there will also be cookie-decorating with the Culinary Playground from 1 to 3 p.m.

"There's something for everyone," Benson said. "The little kids love to play with the Pinkerton hockey players, and other people like the snowmobiling and the chili contest and all that, so everyone, young and old, can get out and enjoy the winter." 🍷

### Derry Frost Festival

**When:** Friday, Feb. 12, through Sunday, Feb. 14

**Where:** Various Derry locations

**Cost:** Free

**Visit:** derry.nh.us/parks-recreation or Derry Frost Festival event page on Facebook

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IN/OUT THE GARDENING GUY

# Spring flower shows

Time to plan a trip or two

By Henry Homeyer  
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This has been a relatively easy winter, but still, it's winter and I'm a gardener, so I'm already thinking about spring. Thank heavens for the spring flower shows! Here is this year's schedule.

One of my favorite flower shows is on the first weekend of the big shows: the **Rhode Island Flower Show at the Rhode Island Convention Center** in Providence Feb. 18 through Feb. 21. This year's extravaganza is called "Spring Fling" and is being promoted as a treat for all your senses: things to see, smell, touch, taste and hear.

There will be, in addition to the standard flower displays, cooks whipping up treats and teaching tricks, and bands playing Friday and Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday's band will do tunes from the '50s and '60s, while Saturday's band, Hey 19, is a Steely Dan tribute band. Should be fun. The show sells drinks and has a small dance floor, too.

As with all shows, the lectures and slide shows at the Rhode Island Show are an important part of the show for me. Actually, I'll be speaking both Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at noon. But I may go hear Roger Swain of *Victory Garden* fame, or some of the many other speakers. And I love all the displays, from professionals to rank amateurs.

Also Feb. 18 through Feb. 21 is the **Connecticut Flower Show** at the Convention Center in Hartford. Like the Rhode Island show, this show boasts plenty of flower displays, vendors and lectures. In fact, it boasts four lectures at a time (in different rooms) for four time slots on the four days! Want to learn how to grow plants for Monarch butterflies? Learn about ground covers or decorative grasses? Build a water garden? An expert will tell you all about it.

Two regular New England flower shows are not scheduled for 2016. The Vermont show, one of my favorites, is on a two-year cycle, and this is an off year. The Portland, Maine, show is also not happening this year. They are moving the show out of the ancient warehouse it has been in to new quarters next year.

The biggest show of the east, in Philadelphia, will be held March 5 through March 13 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The **Pennsylvania Horticultural Society** has been holding it since 1829, when Andrew Jackson was president! It covers about six city blocks and will be attended by over a quarter million people over a nine-day period. It's not inexpensive: an adult ticket is \$27, and a kid's is \$15.



Courtesy of Boston Flower Show.

Then comes the **Boston Flower Show** March 17 to March 20 at the Seaport World Trade Center. This is another big show worth seeing. Like the Philly show, don't go on the weekend if you can avoid it. It starts on a Wednesday, and will be much less crowded then and on Thursday.

The Boston show has a remarkable number of vendors selling everything from teak furniture to garden tools, plants and pottery. The gardens created for viewing are always interesting, as are the individual entries of potted plants, flower arrangements and more. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors. Travel companies often offer package deals including bus fare and admission.

The **Seacoast Home and Garden Show** in Durham on April 2 and April 3 is a nice show on a manageable scale, held in the Whittemore Center Arena at UNH. Admission is only \$8 or \$6 for seniors. It is more than a flower show, with many home improvement companies present as well.

The last flower show in New England is in Bangor, Maine, the **BDN Garden Show** April 15 to 17 held at the Cross Insurance Center. I've never been to it.

Actually, the last, and perhaps the best, of the shows takes place May 24 through May 28 in London: the iconic **Chelsea Flower Show**. I've never been, but am giving serious thought to going this year. I talked to a friend who has been there twice who said, "The Chelsea Show is the pinnacle of anybody's garden show experience." She told me to join the Royal Horticultural Society so that I can get in before the crowds.

The show is less commercial than ours, I gather, and is both indoors and out. The scope is absolutely amazing — it even includes masses of vegetables. And the Queen goes every year, too! Another friend sent me a link to an hour BBC television special on the 2015 Chelsea Show, which got me even more excited about going: [youtube.com/watch?v=uMz6cgcnc8f0](http://youtube.com/watch?v=uMz6cgcnc8f0).

So go to a show, even if you can't make it to London.

Henry gardens in Cornish Flat. Reach him at [henry.homeyer@comcast.net](mailto:henry.homeyer@comcast.net). His website is [Gardening-Guy.com](http://Gardening-Guy.com).



Dear Donna,

Can you tell me if anyone collects old socks? While cleaning out my parents' house we came across a few pairs of what we think are really old socks. Any information would be appreciated.

Beth from Candia

Dear Beth,

Believe it or not there is a market for almost anything.

The socks you have look to be garter socks that were worn higher than a normal sock. They were very popular during the early 1900s. They were worn high and kept up by clips that attached to a waist band called a garter.

Garter socks came in many different styles, materials and designs. You might think back to the flapper dress period and remember them, though they were used before and after that time too, including today.

The design on your socks is a very nice one, and the socks seem to be in good shape. Old socks that collectors would want are like yours, with intricate designs and patterns.

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ones like you have run between \$20 to \$60 for the pair. You just have to find the market for them.

Donna Welch has spent more than 20 years in the antiques and collectibles field and owns From Out Of The Woods Antique Center in Goffstown (fromoutofthewoodsantiques.com). She is an antiques appraiser and instructor. To find out about your antique or collectible, send a clear photo of the object and information about it to Donna Welch, From Out Of The Woods Antique Center, 465 Mast Road, Goffstown, N.H., 03045. Or email her at footwdw@aol.com. Or drop by the shop (call first, 624-8668).

Beaver Brook Association, and trek around the playground at the library. There will be hot chocolate and cookies in the meeting room to warm up after snow-shoeing. Wed., Feb. 17, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Hollis Social Library, 2 Monument Square, Hollis. Registration required. Call 465-7721.

#### Continuing Education Computer & tech classes

• **CYBERSECURITY TODAY - THREATS, CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES** UNH Manchester's Homeland Security program hosts a breakfast with a panel of leading minds discussing the threats that are transforming our online presence and making cybersecurity a top priority. Mon., Feb. 15, 7:45 to 9 a.m. UNH Manchester, 88 Commercial St., Room 201, Manchester. Visit manchester.unh.edu/academics/degree-programs/homeland-security.

• **DEVICE WORKSHOP** Learn about the many ways your wireless device can keep the entire family entertained even when the weather outside keeps you indoors. The workshop is open to everyone, and you don't need to be a U.S. Cellular customer to attend. Thurs., Feb. 18, 5 to 7 p.m. U.S. Cellular, 946 South Willow St., Manchester. Free. Call 622-1033 to RSVP.

#### Health & Wellness Workshops & seminars

• **MACULAR DEGENERATION** Join Patrick Riddle, MD, from Nashua Eye Associates as he answers questions about macular degeneration. Part of the Dinner with the Docs series. Wed., Feb. 17, 6 to 8 p.m. St. Joseph Hospital, 172 Kinsley St., Nashua. \$10, includes dinner. Visit stjosephhospital.com/classes.

• **BEAT THE WINTER BLUES NATURALLY** Join Ruth Goldstein, MS, RD for this talk on managing anxiety and depression naturally. Thurs., Feb. 11, 6 p.m. Concord Food Co-op, 24 S. Main St., Concord. Participants can sign up online, space is limited. Visit concordfoodcoop.coop/classes.

#### Marketing & Business Job fairs

• **NURSING JOB FAIR** Come meet the hiring managers and directors, tour the facility, complete a application. Thurs., Feb. 11, 4 to 7 p.m. St. Joseph Hospital, 172 Kinsley St., Nashua. Visit stjosephhospital.com.

#### Workshops

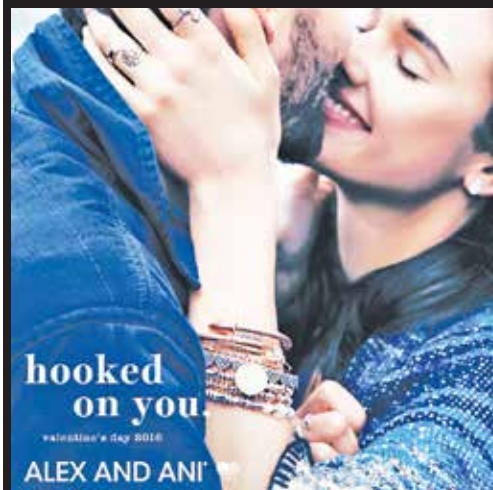
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• **THE BENEFITS OF FUNERAL/CREMATION PRE-PLANNING** A Lunch & Learn session to get the answers you need to help yourself and/or other family members make important decisions about final arrangements. Wed., Feb. 17, noon to 1:30 p.m. Puritan Backroom Restaurant, 245 Hooksett Road, Manchester. Free, including lunch. RSVP is required as space is limited. Call Michele Phaneuf-Plasz at 625-5779 or email Michele@phaneuf.net.

#### Miscellaneous Festivals & Fairs

• **ANNUAL WINTER PSYCHIC FAIR** Event features a variety of nationally known Spiritual Consultants who are available for Psychic Readings as well as vendors. Sat., Feb. 13, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hampton Inn, 59 Amherst St., Nashua. Free admission. \$25 per reading. Visit lovinglifeexpo.com.



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**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26

**Cost:** \$120/ residents, \$130/non-residents

Campers will operate professional cameras, act in a film, use video editing programs, create green screen videos and more. For ages 9 to 14.

### Nature camps

**February Fun Vacation Camp** (224-9909, nhadubon.org)

**Where:** McLane Audubon Center, 84 Silk Farm Road, Concord; Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Cost:** \$52 per day

Campers will learn about nature in winter through outdoor excursions, games, crafts, stories, live animals and conservation projects. For ages 6 to 12. Extended care option available.

**Forest Freetime** (465-7787, beaverbrook.org)

**Where:** Beaver Brook Nature Center, 117 Ridge Road, Hollis

**When:** Wednesday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Cost:** \$55

In this one-day camp, campers will enjoy a day of forest exploring and playing outdoors. For grades 1 to 8.

**Trek 4 Tots/Seaside Safari** (436-8043, seacoastsciencecenter.org)

**Where:** Seacoast Science Center, 570 Ocean Blvd., Rye

**When:** Monday, Feb. 15 through Friday, Feb. 19; or Monday, Feb. 22, to Friday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Cost:** \$64 per day, \$320 for full week

Outdoor learning at Odiome Point State Park, plus live animal and interactive exhibits with hands-on science fun. There is a different theme each day. Treks 4 Tots is for ages 3 ½ to 5, and a half-day is available; Seaside Safari is for grades K to 5, and extended care is available.

**WildQuest Winter Camp** (366-5695, prescottfarm.org)

**Where:** Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center, 928 White Oaks Road, Laconia

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Cost:** \$45 per day, \$225 for full week

Campers will enjoy animal tracking, snowshoeing, sledding, games, exploring, arts and crafts, maple sugaring, campfire stories and more. For ages 6 to 12. Extended care available.

### Sports camps

**Camp on the Slopes** (428-3245, patspeak.com)

**Where:** Pat's Peak Ski Area, 686 Flanders Road, Henniker

**When:** Monday, Feb. 15, through Wednesday, Feb. 17; or Monday, Feb. 22, through Wednesday, Feb. 24, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$330, \$426 with rental equipment, \$270 for season passholders

Campers will spend time on the slopes in a group setting and enjoy winter exercise. For ages 6 to 14. All ability levels welcome.

**Gymnastics Camp** (749-5678, tristargymnh.com)

**Where:** Tri-Star Gymnastics & Dance, 66 Third St., Dover

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Cost:** \$35 per day, \$135 for full week

Campers will participate in gymnastics, crafts, games and open gym playtime. For grade 1 through age 13. Extended care option available.

**Indoor Sports Camp** (537-9663, nhsportszone.com)

**Where:** NH SportsZone, 7 A St., Derry

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Cost:** \$40 per day, \$150 for full week

Campers will strengthen agility and self-confidence in a team atmosphere by participating in basketball, soccer, football, baseball and more. For ages 6 to 13. Extended care available.

**Monkey Play Camp** (verticaldreams.com)

**Where:** Vertical Dreams Indoor Climbing Gym, 250 Commercial St., Manchester, (625-6919); 25 E. Otterson St., Nashua, (943-7571)

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, to Friday, Feb. 26, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$30 per day

Campers will learn the basics of rock climbing. For ages 6 to 12.

**Softball Camp** (goplayball.com)

**Where:** Play Ball, 9 Congress St., Nashua (883-2323); 16 Industrial Way, Salem (898-0332)

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon

**Cost:** \$100

A camp for developing baseball and softball players to practice hitting, fielding, throwing, base-running and other skills. For ages 6 to 12.

### Theater camps

**Super Hero High** (668-5588, palacetheatre.org)

**Where:** Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Cost:** \$225

Students will learn all aspects of theater, including singing, dancing, acting, costumes and set painting, with a production at the end of the week. This year's theme is "Super Hero High," where heroes learn to build character and develop their powers. For grades 2 to 8.

**Theatre Camp** (889-2330, peacockplayers.org)

**Where:** Peacock Players, 14 Court St., Nashua

**When:** Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Cost:** \$225

Theater exercises, games and rehearsals will culminate with a performance for family and friends Friday. For ages 6 to 12. 🍌



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**Invitation for Public Comments  
About NHTI's Comprehensive  
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NHTI-Concord's Community College, will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit from April 3 –  
6, 2016, by a team representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New  
England Association of Schools and Colleges.

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education is one of seven accrediting  
commissions in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis.  
Accreditation is voluntary and applies to the institution as a whole. The Commission, which is  
recognized by the U. S. Department of Education, accredits approximately 240 institutions in the  
six-state New England region.

NHTI has been accredited by the Commission since 2001 and was last reviewed in 2006.  
Its accreditation by the New England Association encompasses the entire institution. (NHTI  
was previously accredited by the Commission on Technical and Career Institutions of the New  
England Association of Schools & Colleges, in 1969-2001.)

For the past year and a half, NHTI has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing  
the Commission's Standards for Accreditation. An evaluation team will visit the institution to  
gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the  
Commission a continuing status for the institution. Following a review process, the Commission  
itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the institution to:

Public Comment on NHTI-Concord's Community College  
Commission on Institutions of Higher Education  
New England Association of Schools and Colleges  
3 Burling Woods Drive, Suite 100  
Burlington, MA 01803-4514  
E-mail: [cihe@neasc.org](mailto:cihe@neasc.org)

Public Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution.  
The Commission cannot settle disputes between individuals and institutions, whether those  
involve faculty, students, administrators, or members of other groups. Comments will not be  
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# Second catalytic converter isn't 'extra'



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:

I have a 2004 Toyota Tacoma SR5 with about 85,000 miles. My check-engine light came on at about 75,000 miles, and it was a bad catalytic converter. The dealer said to let it go because they are so expensive to change. The light came on again as I was driving out of the dealership, but as any college student would do, I ignored it and put off the repair. When I took the car to a different mechanic to have some other work done on it, I had the mechanic look at the catalytic converter to make sure the code wasn't being triggered by a bad O2 sensor. "Definitely the catalytic converter," he said, "but the problem is, there are two of them." He said that there is no way to tell which converter is bad, and that when I do decide to drop the cash, both will need to be replaced. Is that true? Is there any way at all to tell which is the bad and which is the good? The mechanic told me that if I was his college kid, and I wasn't experiencing any performance issues, he'd tell me to keep driving it. Thanks. — Ben

If you were my college kid, I'd tell you that you're polluting the air that the rest of us have to breathe. And that you have a civic

responsibility to your friends and neighbors to fix this thing and stop doing that.

Of course, if you were my kid, you'd then turn around and borrow the money from me, which would give me a lesson in keeping my nose out of other people's business.

Anyway, there are two converters in this Tacoma. You must have the four-cylinder engine, because the six-cylinder engine has three converters!

And it'll cost you \$1,500 or so to replace both converters and both oxygen sensors with Toyota parts. But you can do it piecemeal. The front converter in this truck is the one that's monitored by the computer. That's the one that does most of the heavy lifting (i.e., the converting of polluting compounds to less-polluting compounds). So that's the one I start with.

And while you can't buy a used converter, you can shop around and find companies that remanufacture old converters. They rebuild them, refresh the catalysts and sell them quite a bit cheaper than new converters — about two-thirds the price, or even less.

We tend not to use them for most customers, because they don't always fit very well. And, in our experience, they don't last nearly as long as factory converters. But if you're short on funds, and you're trying to

buy yourself a year or two for a few hundred bucks, that could be a good option for you.

And when that converter dies, you can see what kind of shape the truck and your bank account are in, and decide what to do. Maybe you'll have graduated by then and will be working on Wall Street, and you'll have converted this Tacoma into a Bentley Continental GT.

Good luck, Ben. But don't forget to consider your fellow man, and woman, when deciding what to do — especially if you are headed to Wall Street.

Dear Car Talk:

I have a 2003 GMC Sonoma ZR2 with the 4.3 Vortec V-6 engine. I bought it used, with 145,000 miles on it, and it is a great truck. But it has one strange problem. I did a tune-up. I put in new plugs, new wires, a distributor cap, etc. Then about two weeks later, while driving, it started misfiring. It was dark, and when I opened the hood, the wires were arcing out — I could see the sparks. OK, so I figured I got bad wires. I replaced them, and after a month, the same thing happened. Oh, and I purchased the wires and plugs that were original equipment. To make a long story short, I am now on my fifth set of wires. I can't figure out what's wrong. — Ed

That is a weird one, Ed.

If the wires are original-equipment GM Delco wires, it's extremely unlikely that you'd get five bad sets in a row. So something is creating a huge amount of resistance in your secondary ignition system.

Like most husbands, electricity prefers to take the path of least resistance. So if electricity is jumping off all of your plug wires to get to ground, I'm guessing there's some enormous amount of resistance at your plugs.

One possibility is that you've gapped them all wrong. If there's supposed to be a .040-inch gap in your plugs, and you've gapped them all to .100 or more, the spark would not be able to jump across that gap to get to ground, and would seek another path.

And perhaps it takes a few weeks for the wire's insulation to break down enough to let the arcing begin. Or perhaps the wires aren't attached correctly to the plugs, and rather than try to jump that gap, the spark bleeds out through the wires. Or maybe, somehow, your coil is putting out way too much voltage.

But these are just guesses, Ed. Maybe some of our readers have had and solved this unusual problem and can tell us what they found. Email us from cartalk.com, and we'll pass along any credible-sounding answers.

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## DAWN HIGGINS

### DIRECTOR OF CROSS-CULTURAL EDUCATION AND ESOL AT NHTI

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**Q:** *Explain in one sentence what your current job is.*

To support students from different languages and cultures as they make their way through school.

*How long have you worked there?*

[As department director] since 2008, but I've been an ESOL teacher here since 2001.

*How did you get interested in this field?*

I had a conversation partner from Ita-

ly when I was an undergrad at UNH. I became very curious about cultural values and norms that were different from mine, and I was also very interested in her ability to communicate in a second language that seemed so different from mine.

*What kind of education or training did you need for this job?*

I have my undergrad in English and French, my master's in English and my state certification for ESOL teaching.

*How did you find your current job?*

I was working for the ESOL person at the state Department of Education at the time, and I met, by chance, the program director [of NHTI's cross-cultural education and ESOL], my predecessor, and began teaching ESOL classes for her.

*What's the best piece of work-related advice anyone's ever given you?*

To be a good listener and to understand that everyone comes from different values and norms, so their ways of expressing themselves may not be initially understood, but for good communication to happen, you have to let those initial uncomfortable moments go by so you can learn how to understand each other.

*What do you wish you'd known at the beginning of your career?*

That a large portion of the second-language learners I support here have needs not related to academics. ... While they



Dawn Higgins

may have enough language proficiency to pursue college work, they often have other challenges, so there's a lot of case managing in what I do, in supporting them and connecting them to services available in the state.

*What is your typical at-work uniform?*

Button-up shirt, pants, just business casual.

*What was the first job you ever had?*

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News from the local food scene

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# FOOD

## Beyond desserts

How to use chocolate in savory dishes

By Allie Ginwala  
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Chocolate: It's not just for desserts anymore.

Using it as a sweet is a relatively new association, says Richard Tango-Lowy, master chocolatier and owner of Dancing Lion Chocolate in Manchester. In South and Central America, the traditional way of using chocolate was to grind it up and use it in soups or sauces or on top of wild turkey or fish.

"Chocolates from those regions are typically more complex and savory than we're used to, so it's beautiful with food," he said.

Before moving to Warner last year, Sarah Kenney, food and travel blogger for thyme-foodblog.com, spent four years in Houston, Texas, and encountered many dishes with South American and Mexican influences that incorporated chocolate into braised meats, chilis and stews.

"What I've had before pairs more bitter chocolate with hardly any sweetness," she said.

Chocolate's umami (the taste in food that's not sweet, sour or bitter) pairs well with savory dishes, Tango-Lowy said. Its full and almost meaty flavor puts it on par with fish, mushrooms, meat and soy sauce.

"You can do some really neat things with chocolate in a savory dish," he said.

### Check your notions at the kitchen door

One thing limiting many people from playing with chocolate in appetizers, sides and entrees is the idea that it's just for dessert.

"Most of what we taste is perception, not taste and flavor," Tango-Lowy said. "If you get that out of your brain and taste it as an ingredient, that will lead you to where and

### Tomato sauce with dark chocolate

From the kitchen of Richard Tango-Lowy

For a spin on a classic and seasonally fitting tomato sauce, put olive oil in a pot, get it hot and add diced tomatoes, carrots and red or green bell peppers in equal parts and soften nicely. Toss in oregano and a bay leaf and let simmer. Next add a couple of mashed or coarsely chopped garlic cloves and stock or

water (you don't need too much because it will thicken later), then let simmer. Add salt and pepper to taste, perhaps a little bit of wine, then when it's just about ready add one square from a bar of dark chocolate, 60 to 65 percent cacao, and stir in well. "If it's deeper and richer you're about right," he said. "You don't want it to taste like chocolate, it's not a chocolate sauce." Finally, add the sauce to pasta and serve.

how you want to use it."

In desserts, chocolate is often the dominate flavor, but it doesn't have to always be the prominent taste in a dish.

"Chocolate is used in chilis, in stews, not necessarily for taste but for texture," Kenney said. "[Chocolate] gives it more creaminess and color, gives it depth of color and that wonderful brown look."

Tango-Lowy agrees. When he makes a cream soup, there will almost always be white chocolate in it to "take that creaminess to an entirely new level."

"Bring a little melted chocolate into your sauce or a cream soup," he said. "[But] if you can taste it, it's too much."

His biggest piece of advice for cooks looking to expand their chocolatey horizons is not to be afraid to try something new.

"[Don't] let your preconceived notions get the best of you," he said.

### Flavor and format

The first consideration when cooking with chocolate is selecting the right kind, which Tango-Lowy said should be the best chocolate you can get your hands on.

"I'll say in a tomato sauce I want a Ghana with a big fudginess in it. If I'm playing with a light fish I may want more aromatic and light body," he said.

But since most people won't be able to take it to that level, he suggests simply trying the chocolate and then deciding what to do with it.

"It's the art of selecting the right chocolate for the dish," he said. "If I want a caramel note, [I choose] a milk chocolate. Something edgier, a really traditional Ecuador chocolate that's light and bright."

Once you've made your selection, the next step is determining what form to use the chocolate in.

Remember, chocolate burns easily so don't put it directly against heat; you need something else to buffer it.

If adding to a soup, chop a bar of chocolate and add it in small portions, tasting as you go. Maybe opt for cacao nibs or shaved chocolate if you have a dish (like Tango-Lowy's traditional biscuits) where you want to feel some of the texture the chocolate lends.

Kenney has seen cocoa nibs on a number of dishes since she moved to New Hampshire, crushed and sprinkled on braised lamb and soups.

"I did see a few recipes that were using the cocoa nibs or just powdered cocoa in roasted vegetable dishes," she said. "My guess is they're using it like a pepper."

She said using it as a last addition helps seal the flavor profile.

"Almost as just a last finishing little spice

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put on top of a dish," she said.

## Where to begin

If you ask Tango-Lowy, you can add chocolate to almost any dish. He's done chocolate sushi and lobster bisque with white chocolate and is working on a collaborative dinner all about pairing chocolate with mushrooms. But you don't have to go to extremes to make savory chocolate dishes. For example, try his simple tomato sauce with dark chocolate.

"[It] brings some body underneath so you won't notice it's there, but it entirely changes the body and the feel and how it behaves in your mouth," he said. "Almost

any kind of sauce ... I can use chocolate as a way of controlling the sweetness."

Or toss a handful of cacao nibs in with seared or sauteed asparagus or broccoli.

"You get a deep earthiness, plays beautifully with clean flavors, green vegetables," he said.

As a result of her research, Kenney came across a recipe that uses chocolate as a braising component for French beef stew that uses brandy and other liquors instead of spices. But perhaps the most interesting use of chocolate in a savory dish she's come across is a Japanese recipe: a salty miso with very dark chocolate in it and a marinated, coated and pan-fried fish and pork. 🍷

## Taste "fur" a cause

Enjoy local sips at shelter's winter benefit

By Allie Ginwala  
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Following a successful first run, the Salem Animal Rescue League's My Furry Valentine returns for the second year, featuring wine, beer and dessert samples from local vendors to support the shelter's animals.

"I think that people are looking for things to do in the winter time. I think they're looking for a nice event to get out of the house and do something a bit different," D.J. Bettencourt, director of development and community relations, said in a phone interview. "We wanted to do something that was different so we said, 'Well, how about a wine tasting?' And from there it grew into wine, beer and dessert."

The winter tends to be a slow time for adoptions, Bettencourt said, which inspired the creation of the February tasting-based event. As it's held the night before Valentine's Day, the hope is that folks will go out for dinner and then head to My Furry Valentine for dessert or as a nightcap.

"Sometimes making those Valentine's Day arrangements can be stressful, so we thought what better way than to offer a nice event that is stress-free?" he said.

This year, SARL is looking to grow the event by adding more vendors and also by moving the event to its new location at Brookstone Park Event Center in Derry. Last year's turnout was about 100 people (despite the seven or eight inches of snow that fell that day) and the goal is to see at least 150 people turn out this time around.

Grape Time Winery, Loyal Dog Winery, Fabrizia Spirits, Moonlight Meadery, Candia Road Brewing Co., Henniker Brewing Co., IncrediBREW and Border Brewing Co. will all be pouring samples.

"New Hampshire has some amazing wineries, breweries and distilleries and ... we



Sample homemade sweets at My Furry Valentine. Courtesy photo.

wanted to showcase the vendors here," Bettencourt said. "I'm excited that the vendors are from across New Hampshire, so regardless of where people are from there are going to be vendors that might be their neighbors."

For the desserts portion of the evening, members of SARL's board of directors and other volunteers will make and donate their favorite sweets recipes. Bettencourt said to expect cake, pastry and plenty of chocolate.

Along with the beer, wine and dessert tastings, guests can enjoy live entertainment from a DJ, raffles, a silent auction and possibly a live auction as well.

Proceeds from My Furry Valentine will support two of SARL's biggest expenses: food and the vetting program, which ensures that the shelter's animals stay healthy.

"SARL is a family," he said. "We have a family here and it's great when you can do events like this that really bring everyone together." 🐾

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• **ASHWORTH BY THE SEA'S BREAKER RESTAURANT** Valentine's Day menu featuring a three course dinner with a la carte options or prix fixe (\$48). Fri., Feb. 12, and Sat., Feb. 13. Breaker's Restaurant, 295 Ocean Blvd., Hampton. See ashworthhotel.com.

• **DANIEL'S RESTAURANT & PUB** Featuring appetizer (oysters l'amour, oysters venus, fondue for two, classic shrimp cocktail, sage and amaretto mussels) and entree (herb roasted prime rib au jus, duck breast mole, lobster and scallop Newburg, chicken cordon bleu, shrimp rosa) specials. Call 428-7621 for reservations. Valentine menu served Sat., Feb. 13, and Sun., Feb. 14. Daniel's Restaurant, 48 Main St., Henniker. See

danielsofhenniker.com.

#### Fairs/festivals/expos

• **FEBRUARY FESTIVAL** Coffee and tea related events. Thurs., Feb. 11, at 9 p.m. (latte art competition in Manchester); Sat., Feb. 13 (pop-up pour over bar in both locations from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and coffee roasting demo in Amherst from noon to 1 p.m.) A&E Coffee and Tea, 135 Route 101A, Amherst. A&E Coffee and Tea, 1000 Elm St., Manchester. See facebook.com/AEroastery.

• **CHOCOLATE STROLL** First annual events invites visitors to 18 downtown area shops and boutiques to enjoy complimentary chocolate samples. Fri., Feb. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Downtown businesses, Nashua.

• **CHILLY CHILI COOKOFF** 40 professional chefs and amateur cooks prepare sweet, mild, hot and spicy chilis to sample, plus cornbread. Sat., Feb. 27. North Conway Community Center, 2628 White Mountain Hwy., North Conway. See mtwashing-tonvalley.org.

• **CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL** Trailside chocolate shops offer treats, plus other businesses offer chocolate specialties throughout Mt. Washington Valley. Sun., Feb. 28, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mt. Washington Valley Ski & Snowshoe Foundation, 279 Route 16-302, Intervale. Tickets cost \$30 in advance, \$35

Chris Conroy, one of the brothers behind Brothers Butcher (8 E. Spit Brook Road, Nashua, 809-4180, brothers-butchery.com), always had an interest in the

the day of. See mwvskitouring.org.

#### Chef events/special meals

• **GALENTINE'S DAY** Appetizing Aphrodisiacs dinner to benefit HAVEN, hosted by Pickwick's Mercantile. Featuring The Black Trumpet's chef Evan Mallett, evening features a three course meal, live music, amuse bouche, complimentary cocktail and wine service. Guests encouraged to wear masquerade attire. Fri., Feb. 12, and Sat., Feb. 13, at 6 p.m. 112 State St., Portsmouth. Service is \$69 per person. Purchase tickets at eventbrite or call Pickwick's Mercantile (64 State St., Portsmouth) at 427-8671.

• **HEARTHSIDE DINNER** Prepare then enjoy a 19th century-style meal led by costumed interpreters. BYOB for the meal. Sat., Feb. 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm, 58 Cleveland Hill Road, Tamworth. \$50 per person, 18+. Call 323-7591 to register. See remickmuseum.org.

• **MURDER MYSTERY DINNER** Includes four course dinner and cash bar. Sat., Feb. 20, at 6 p.m. The Common Man Inn & Spa, 231 Main St., Plymouth. Tickets cost \$50 per person. See thecm.com.

• **THE FARMERS DINNER TAQUERIA** Pop-up taqueria with The Farmers Dinner chef Keith Sarasin, Riverside Barbecue pitmaster and owner Dave



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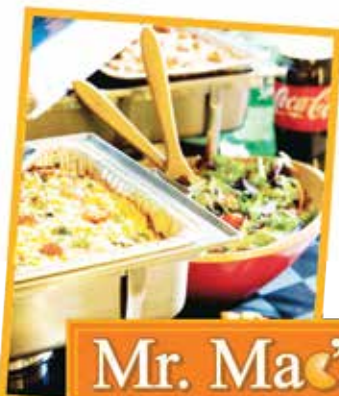


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FOOD

## Beer on ice

Enjoy craft brews and scenic lake views

By Allie Ginwala

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For Beveridge Craft Beer & Soap Co. owner Lisa Beveridge, it didn't take much to inspire her to start a beer festival outdoors in the middle of winter.

"We've got the lake here and it freezes over ... [so] why not have an event on it?" Beveridge said. "There is not much to do up here in the winter other than snowmobile and ski, so why not combine that?"

The second annual Beveridge Ice Fest invites brewers and beer-lovers to drive, snowmobile or cross-country ski over to Mirror Lake to not only taste ice cold beers, but enjoy them on ice — literally.

Beveridge organizes a craft beer festival in the summer, showcasing the state and regional beers available in the store or taproom, and thought it would be neat to see if people would still be interested in the standard outdoor beer festival format in February. As it turns out, they are.

"Last year we had just over 300 people show up," she said. "I was amazed to see that many people come out."

Jumping from 17 brewers last year to 37 coming to this year's Ice Fest, Beveridge said the afternoon is set up in a simple and straightforward manner. The brewers will have tables set up just off the beach for folks to take their tasting cups from station to station. Less than two weeks before the event, Beveridge said there were 10 inches of ice and about 15 ice huts on the lake, all looking good for the festival.

"It's mostly the brewers that come ... so it's neat to hang out and chat with them and hear their brewing process. And people meet each other and talk about beer and cider all day," she said.

About doubling the number of brewers from last year, Beveridge thinks that given the success of the inaugural wintertime festival, more breweries wanted to be part of the event that this year is raising money for End 68 Hours of Hunger.

Some of the breweries heading to the

ice are Woodstock Inn Station and Brewery, Earth Eagle Brewings, Moat Mountain Brewing Co., Downeast Cider House, Baxter Brewing Co., Garrison City Beerworks, Great Rhythm Brewing Co., Sebago Brewing Co., Oddball Brewing Co., Hobbs Tavern & Brewing Co. and Goose Island Beer Co.

To help guests stay comfortable and enjoy the afternoon to its fullest, there will be a fire pit and Beveridge recommends layering up and dressing smart for the weather.

"If it's a really cold day — hand and foot warmers saved my life last year," Beveridge said. "And Yaktrax to keep you upright on the ice. ... They have good grips."

For a little internal warming, local vendors Mill Street Meat Market, Flurries, Seven Suns Coffee, North East Pie Company, From Scratch Baking Co. and Pine Cone Restaurant are bringing snacks (think macaroni and cheese and ribs).

Two local breweries heading to Ice Fest for the first time this year are Derry's Rockingham Brewing Co. and Manchester's Great North Aleworks, both of which decided to come based on a positive experience at the summer beer festival.

Rob North, owner and brewer at Great North Aleworks, said he couldn't make last year's Ice Fest (they didn't open until July) but is excited to head back up for a cooler experience.

"Having done the summer fest and seeing how well-organized it was, it seemed like a natural fit to do this one also," North said. "Not a ton of beer fests [happen] this time of year, so time-wise it works fairly well, and of course the proceeds are helping out a great cause."

Their summer ale was the only beer available at the last festival, but this time around, Great North's taproom manager and assistant brewer (the "heartly guys that like the cold weather," North noted) will be pouring the brewery's three core beers — Robust Vanilla Porter, IPA and Smokin' Rauchbier.

"I think the three beers we have ... [are] a little higher in alcohol content and people should certainly be able to enjoy those on a cold winter day," he said.

"The great thing is we don't have to bring any ice," said Ali Buinicky, co-founder of Rockingham Brewing Co.

She and Rob Leleszi, her fiance and the co-founder and brewer, will be pouring samples of their flagship beer Rockingham Ale, and the winter warmer Winter Wonderham that's "perfect for a festival like this."

"It's a little bit of a strong alcohol content and the style is called a winter warmer," she said. "A dark amber spiced ale with orange peel, ginger, cinnamon and allspice, so it's got a lot of nice winter spices."

### Beveridge Ice Fest

**When:** Saturday, Feb. 13, noon to 3 p.m.

**Where:** 19 Mile Bay, Route 109, Mirror Lake (Tuftonboro)

**Tickets:** \$30, \$15 for designated driver. Purchase at [tickets.beerfests.com/event/BeveridgeIceFest](http://tickets.beerfests.com/event/BeveridgeIceFest)

**Visit:** [facebook.com/BeveridgeCraftBeer](http://facebook.com/BeveridgeCraftBeer) Event is 21+, with a designated area for older kids/those not of drinking age. Bring a non-perishable, kid-friendly item to donate to End 68 Hours of Hunger.



# Weekly Dish

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for baristas to focus on the nuances of coffee," Langmaid said in a press release. "I love judging. ... The intense focus on the coffee hones my skills as a Q grader. Plus, during the open service round, I have the opportunity to taste some of the very best coffee in the world."

• **A chocolate-filled weekend:** Shop till you drop and then enjoy a delicious chocolate treat at the first annual **Chocolate Stroll** in downtown Nashua on Friday, Feb. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit 18 downtown businesses to sample a complimentary sweet treat. Some participating locations are Precision Body Arts, Cava de Vino, League of NH Craftsmen, Twill, WineNot Boutique, Green Envy Spa, and Nashua Coins and Collectibles. Spend Valentine's afternoon amidst tasty samples at IncrediBREW's (112 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua) **wine and chocolate pairing** on Sunday, Feb. 14, at 3 p.m. For \$25 per person, explore the art of pairing the two with KRM Chocolate's Kevin Miller. Plus, you'll take home a bottle of chocolate raspberry port. See [incredibrew.com](http://incredibrew.com) to RSVP.

• **Happy tummy, happy wallet:** Want to learn how to stick to a healthy diet without breaking the bank? Dr. Madalyn Otto will lead Eating Healthy on a Budget, a workshop designed to teach healthy eating hacks that require minimal changes to your pantry or bank account, at the Concord Fire Department Training Room (24 Horseshoe Pond

Lane, Concord) on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m. Guests will enjoy samples of simple entrees made with Co-op ingredients you can make at home. Workshop is free; see [concordfoodcoop.coop/classes](http://concordfoodcoop.coop/classes).

• **Chili, chowder and soup, oh my!** Think your soup recipe is the best around? Epsom Central School invites you to put it to the test at the fourth annual soup/chili/chowder cook-off on Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. If you're simply a soup lover, head to the Epsom Central School gym (282 Black Hall Road, Epsom, [sau53.org](http://sau53.org)) for the chance to sample the soups. Winners from the soup, chili and chowder categories will be announced at the end of the evening along with the people's choice. Admission costs \$7 for adults (10 samples plus cornbread) and \$5 for children 10 and under (5 samples plus cornbread). Tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds benefit Epsom Central School Student Activities.

• **Spectacular funds:** At this year's 13th annual Winter Wine Spectacular, the largest event of New Hampshire Wine Week held each January, more than \$180,000 was raised to benefit the Early Supports & Services program at Easter Seals New Hampshire, which helps young children with disabilities and special needs. According to a press release, the tasting event featured over 1,500 varieties of wine, food from local restaurants and saw more than 1,600 people turn out for the night's festivities. 🍷

Manganello, bartenders Patrick Andrew of Baldwin Bar in Woburn, Mass., and Jeremy Hart of Codex in Nashua. Sun., Feb. 28, at 4:30; Mon., Feb. 29, at 7 p.m. Riverwalk Cafe, 35 Railroad Sq., Nashua. Cost is \$45. See [thefarmersdinner.com](http://thefarmersdinner.com).

• **GOURMET FESTIVAL AND AUCTION** The theme for the 28th annual event is "There's No Place Like Home." Featuring food and spirits from more than 20 area chefs and beverage vendors plus a silent and live auction. Proceeds benefit families in the community at risk of homelessness. Sun., March 20, from 4 to 8 p.m. Nashua Country Club, 25 Fairway St., Nashua. Early bird tickets (before March 7) cost \$85, after costs \$100. See [gourmetfestival.eventbrite.com](http://gourmetfestival.eventbrite.com).

• **GUEST CHEF SERIES** At Row 34. Each week, a guest chef will prepare a la carte dishes that represent their culinary style alongside the regular menu. Tuesdays through March during dinner service from 5 to 10 p.m. Row 34, 5 Portwalk Place, Portsmouth. See [row34nh.com](http://row34nh.com).

• **FIRE AND FUSION: EXECUTIVE CHEF COMPETITION** 4th annual event where eight executive chefs compete using four secret ingredients. Evening begins with appetizers

for guests. Wed., May 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. Alpine Grove Banquet facility, 19 S. Depot Road, Hollis. Tickets cost \$35. VIP tickets for \$50. See [nashuaseniorcenter.org](http://nashuaseniorcenter.org).

## Church & charity suppers/ bake sales

• **MEATLOAF DINNER** With mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert and coffee. Sat., Feb. 13, at 5:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 961 Valley St., Manchester. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children under 9, free for children under 5. Call 622-8863 for reservations.

• **VALENTINE'S DINNER** Menu includes baked ham, potato, vegetable, rolls, dessert and coffee. DJ music, cash bar, 50/50 and raffle baskets also offered. Sat., Feb. 13, from 6 to 11 p.m. VFW Post 5791, 16 Bockes Road, Hudson. Tickets cost \$20. Call 571-1374 to register. See [myvfw.org/nh/post5791](http://myvfw.org/nh/post5791).

• **FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER** Includes pancakes, bacon, coffee and juice. Sat., Feb. 13, from 8 to 10 a.m. Applebee's Bar & Grille, 1273 Hooksett Road, Hooksett. Cost is \$10 per person. Register to attend at [emmanuelbaptistchurch.com/teens](http://emmanuelbaptistchurch.com/teens).

• **EMPTY BOWLS** To benefit Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter.

Get a student-made glazed clay bowl to enjoy soup donated by local businesses. NHSS Jazz band will play, plus a silent artwork auction from local artists. Wed. Feb. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. (Snow date Feb. 18). Nashua High School South cafeteria, 36 Riverside St., Nashua. Cost is \$15, free for those under 5. Contact [peringerr@nashua.edu](mailto:peringerr@nashua.edu) with questions.

• **SOUP/CHILI/CHOWDER COOK-OFF** 4th annual event invites Epsom residents to sample. Winners will be announced in three categories, plus people's choice. Wed., Feb. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. Epsom Central School gymnasium, 282 Black Hall Road, Epsom. Tickets sold at door (while supplies last). Cost is \$7 for adults, includes sample-size cup of 10 entries plus cornbread; \$5 for children 10 and under, includes sample-size cup of 5 entries plus cornbread.

• **SEMI-ANNUAL CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL** Hosted by Friends of the Newmarket Library. Enter the contest to win best dessert or sample the sweets and vote for your favorite. Sat., Feb. 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. Newmarket Public Library, 1 Elm St., Newmarket. Admission \$5 for adults, \$3 for age 3 to 12, free age 2 and under. Contact [friends.npl03857@gmail.com](mailto:friends.npl03857@gmail.com). See [newmarketlibrary.org](http://newmarketlibrary.org).

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### Duck eggs

One of the perks about living in New Hampshire is that you might live near people who raise animals on their land. I was lucky enough to be given half a dozen duck eggs from a friend the other day. I gladly accepted them but had no idea what to do with them!

First of all, they're enormous. The yolk is huge and bright yellow. I figured baking would be out of the question for someone like me. Baking requires such precision that the large yolk of a duck egg would throw off everything (at least I fear it would and am not willing to chance it). So I was left with the big question — one of my favorite questions: what should I cook?

Because of their size, duck eggs have quite a bit more protein than their chicken counterparts (9 grams vs. 6 grams, according to Backyard Poultry Magazine). They also stay fresher longer because of their thicker shells. These came from a friend's home so they are "free range" in every



sense of the expression. The ducks that laid these eggs roam around her property eating whatever they like and getting plenty of sunlight. What they eat and how much time they spend outside matters immensely to the kind of nutritional value they possess.

Since I got these eggs, I've tried them a few ways. I mostly noticed the taste difference between chicken and duck eggs when I ate the duck eggs scrambled. They are creamier and denser and easy to overcook. My husband and I enjoyed them poached and fried.

While I enjoyed the duck eggs, their density was different, but they are absolutely worth trying. Most people love duck eggs because they are more flavorful than chicken eggs.

— Allison Willson Dudas

#### Fried Duck Egg with Vegetable Garlic Tomato Sauce

- 2 duck eggs
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 can crushed tomatoes
- 1 sweet onion, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 4 cups baby spinach
- Olive oil
- Salt & pepper
- Shredded cheese (Parmesan or cheddar)

Sriracha sauce  
Whole-wheat toast

Heat some oil (I use a sprayer to distribute evenly) in a frying pan. Add onions and peppers to the pan, stirring continuously for about 8 minutes until vegetables are almost caramelized. Add garlic, salt, pepper, spinach and tomatoes. Cook duck eggs by clearing space in pan and frying them. If you'd rather poach them, create a well inside the sauce to do it. Serve over toast with a little cheese.

• **BROOKLINE CHILI/SOUP/CHOWDER COOK-OFF** Second annual event. Sun., Feb. 21, from noon to 3 p.m. Brookline Event Center, 32 Proctor Hill Road, Brookline. Tickets at the door cost \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. See [brookline.nh.us](http://brookline.nh.us) or find them on Facebook.

#### Classes/workshops

- **BEAT THOSE WINTER BLUES NATURALLY** With Ruth Goldstein, MS, RD. Walk away with diet and lifestyle recommendations and sample recipes. Thurs., Feb. 11, at 6 p.m. Concord City Council Chambers, 37 Green St., Concord. Free. See [concordfoodcoop.com](http://concordfoodcoop.com).
- **COUPLES COOKING** Three hour class teaches how to create a meal from start to finish. Bring tupperware for leftovers. Event is BYOB. Fri., Feb. 12, from

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. (MidWinter's Meal); Fri., March 11, and Sat., March 12, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. (Flavorful Feast). The Culinary Playground, 16 Manning Street, Suite 105, Derry. Cost is \$155 per couple. [culinary-playground.com](http://culinary-playground.com).

- **HEARTH COOKING** Participants learn open-hearth cooking skills hands-on to make then enjoy a traditional menu. Sat., Feb. 13, Sat., March 19, Sat., April 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wheelwright House, Strawberry Banke Museum, 14 Hancock St., Portsmouth. Cost is \$65 for non members, \$55 for members. Registration required. See [strawberrybanke.org](http://strawberrybanke.org).
- **EATING HEALTHY ON A BUDGET** With Dr. Madalyn Otto. Tues., Feb. 16, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Concord Fire Department, Training Room, 24 Horse-shoe Pond Lane, Concord. Free.

See [concordfoodcoop.coop](http://concordfoodcoop.coop).

- **THE WINEMAKER'S KITCHEN COOKING SERIES: SOUPS & STEWS** Class line-up includes beef pot roast with blueberry wine, French onion soup with The Winemaker's Kitchen heirloom onion wine and roasted tomato soup with grilled cheese points. Wed., Feb. 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. LaBelle Winery, 345 Route 101, Amherst. Cost \$25. Call 672-9898 or visit [labellewineryevents.com](http://labellewineryevents.com).
- **HEALING FOODS & POTLUCK STUDY GROUP** Explore foods that help heal the digestive tract. Participants bring a dish to share with the group. Thurs., Feb. 18, Tues., March 22, from 6:15 to 8 p.m. WSW Center, 111 Water St., Second floor, Exeter. Series costs \$45 for members, \$60 for nonmembers. See [www.wswcenter.com](http://www.wswcenter.com).





# Valentine's wine

Consider a lovely trip to a winery

By Stefanie Phillips  
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If you're looking for something different to do this Valentine's Day, it's a great time to visit a local New Hampshire winery. Many are offering Valentine's Day events and specials; some you need to plan ahead for, and some you can attend at your leisure. A roundup of events is included below.

## Wine Tastings & Events

**Gilmanton Winery** is holding Valentine's Day dinners on Friday, Feb. 12, and Saturday, Feb. 13. (At press time, Saturday was wait list only but Friday was still open). The dinners are 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and include a bottle of wine, a special personalized label, dinner in their new dining area and music. Cost is \$100 per couple. For more information or reservations, call 267-8251 or visit [gilmantonwinery.com](http://gilmantonwinery.com).

**Flag Hill Winery & Distillery** in Lee is holding a Cheers to Valentine's Day event on Sunday. Tours with distiller and winemaker Brian Ferguson will be offered at 1 and 3:30 p.m., with chocolate treats and savory eats and a tasting of wine and spirits. Offerings will include chocolate-covered bacon, bread bar and cheese board, sparkling wine and more. Reservations are required; \$34 per couple to include the tour, food and sparkling Cayuga wine. Email [events@flaghill.com](mailto:events@flaghill.com) or call 659-2949.

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**LaBelle Winery** is offering a special Valentine's Day menu all weekend long in addition to their seasonal bistro menu. While you're there, try their Raspberry Champagne Cocktail, Blueberry Pie or another seasonal drink.



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**IncrediBREW Grape Time Winery** in Nashua is hosting a wine and chocolate pairing tasting event on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. For \$25, enjoy chocolate and wine pairings with Kevin Miller from KRM Chocolates. Guests will get to take home a bottle of Chocolate raspberry port. Call 891-2477 or visit [incredibrew.com](http://incredibrew.com) for more information.

**Moonlight Meadery** in Londonderry is offering a special chocolate and mead pairing at noon and 3 p.m. on Valentine's Day. Reservations for the pairings are required and can be scheduled by emailing [info@moonlight-meadery.com](mailto:info@moonlight-meadery.com). Guests can enter to win a giant wine glass with chocolates by signing up for their newsletter and are encouraged to check Facebook to enter their "Look of Love" social media contest. For more information call 216-2162 or visit [moonlightmeadery.com](http://moonlightmeadery.com).

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Most people associate Champagne with special occasions as it is a natural choice. However, not all sparkling wines are Champagne, as a true Champagne comes from its namesake region in France.

It's OK if you aren't a true Champagne fan, as there are plenty of other options. Cava is a Spanish sparkling wine made in the Champagne method and named after the cellars where it is produced. You can find cava in many New Hampshire Liquor and Wine Outlets, with options under \$20.

Rosa Regale, an Italian sparkling wine, is a nice option for Valentine's Day because it has a nice pink hue and fruity sweetness. Made from Brachetto grapes, it is a semi-dry, red sparkling wine with flavors of strawberries and raspberries. It can be enjoyed in a variety of cocktails (see the Rosa Regale website for ideas), with desserts or simply with dark chocolate. Look for Banfi Rosa Regale in stores — it's a pretty bottle with a rose on it so it is great for Valentine's Day.

For some local bubbly, try Flag Hill's Cayuga Sparkling White Wine. 🍷



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## Gehennah, *Too Loud to Live, Too Drunk to Die* (Metal Blade Records)



Until now I'd been successful at avoiding the Metal Blade stable of bands, but it was too much to resist this Swedish foursome, which hinted at a whiskey-and-slapstick departure from the label's endless parade of angry-face cookie-cutter death metal acts. I mean, with a guitarist named Rob Stringburner and a singer who goes by "Mr. Violence," I was helpless, even if singularly unimpressed with their work ethic (counting this one, they've managed to squeak out four albums in 20 years). Musically their deal is thrash, and their influences are front and center: Motorhead on "Still the Elite"; Venom on the train-wreckedly titled "Life Metal Must Die"; Bathory on the title track. Yep, that's what this is, a Venom/Motorhead/Bathory sandwich without the humorous boneheaded nonsense I'd been anticipating. "Scumbag" is pretty awesome, though, and you have to admire the fact they have a song called "Gehennah Will Destroy Your Life." C+

— Eric W. Saegar

## Gregorio Uribe Big Band, *Cumbia Universal* (Zoho Records)



After way too long, I finally got around to checking my Haulix reviewer account for something interesting. I'd forgotten the dangers of that stuff — this week's space almost got filled with a review of some girl-fronted Austrian hard rock band named Rocquette (I did all the prep work for it, but man, it was just terrible, like a random attempt at AC/DC meets Avril Lavigne done by a covers band that should have retired in 2002). I only mention this because it was such an awful experience that I nearly baked myself in a pie and ended it all — the rock n roll era is definitely over. It just *is*. What isn't over is innovative, authentic world music, such as this Latin record here, funded through Kickstarter by accordion-playing bandleader Uribe, whose band is a monthly fixture at Manhattan's Zinc Bar. These guys generate an upbeat, vibrant, earthy blend of Colombian cumbia and chandé rhythms, stuff you might hear at a Miami club where there are no velvet ropes — you know, the real deal, NPR late-night vibes, not a bunch of shrill Vegas exercises. Little bit of funk and whatnot here and there, along with a samba-sounding cover of "Come Together." A — Eric W. Saegar

## PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• New York indie band **School of Seven Bells** has a weird backstory, starting with the fact that its core members are identical twin sisters. They've had a long strange trip, losing their guitarist Benjamin Curtis to lymphoma in 2013, and now the band is basically down to one of the sisters, namely Alejandra Deheza, who will release the band's fourth and supposedly final album, *SVIIB*. Rollout single "Open Your Eyes" is really good stuff, a mixture of snap-dance, space-tech and, well, Lisa Loeb, if you want to get pedantic.

• Continuing in that non-horrible girl-fronted indie vein, we have Australian quartet **The Jezabels** with a third LP, *Synthia*. If America finally figures out this band is awesome, they'll be breaking out of the B-list before you know it, not that opening for Depeche Mode and Imagine Dragons is anything to sneeze at, but just saying, and PS, they had a song featured on *True Blood*, if you were able to tolerate that show. The single "Come Alive" makes me think of Siouxsie and the Banshees during their blackest-possible-makeup days, but with some techno cavitation that makes it even cooler. Australia can be awesome, yes.

• Stevie Nicks-soundalike and confirmed Paste darling **Lis-sie** is a downtempo folkie from Illinois. Her new LP, *My Wild West*, is her first DIY record since parting ways with Columbia Records, who probably thought she was one of the doughnut-vendor ladies instead of one of their artists. So anyway the first single is "Hero," made of spaghetti-western guitar, her Stevie-soundalike voice, and a bumme tone to the whole thing, not that it sucks the way Lera Lynne's depressing nonsense does, but it definitely makes me look forward to wrapping up this particular mini-preview and getting on with my life.

• Finally we have **James Supercave** with his new album *Better Strange*. This person is not famous, but he's performed at noise festivals, which is all I need to know to make the snap judgment that he may be OK; let's go find out with the help of my computing appliance. Oh great, it's got some Figurine-like cheese, which makes me barf, and now it sort of sounds like a chilled-out Chromeo. The video is an animated deal that combines Picasso with Spongebob. If I were trapped on a desert island with only this album for company, I'd probably just sit on the beach and try to teach the seagulls to squawk "Smoke on the Water" in barbershop quartet harmony. — Eric W. Saegar



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# Wild tales

Diane Les Becquets on getting lost and *Breaking Wild*

By Kelly Sennott  
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The idea for *Breaking Wild* started when Diane Les Becquets got lost in the mountains years ago, back when she was a middle school teacher in Meeker, Colorado.

It was a weekday — her job had gotten out early, allowing time for her to hop in her pickup and drive to the mountains — and she'd been bow hunting by herself, bugling back and forth with a bull elk in Cyclone Pass. Camouflage paint covered her body and adrenaline pumped through her veins. She hardly noticed dusk approaching.

"It's quite a chase. There's a real strategy to it. You try to let the bull elk think you're another bull elk," Les Becquets said via phone, on a break while volunteering at the Back in the Saddle Equine Therapy Center in Hopkinton. "You need to determine where the wind's blowing so the elk will not pull up your scent."

Eventually, she realized there wasn't enough light to take a shot. There was a lot of cloud cover that night, and the mountains she was hunting in got dark fast. When she switched on her headlamp, it flickered and burned out. There were no paths, no trails nearby. Then it started to rain.

"But I also knew I was in that territory where elk had been bedding down. I needed to be careful. When elk charge, they're enormous, and they're not friendly," Les Becquets said. "I remember, there was a moment I panicked. I thought, 'I am not going to get out of here.'"

She somehow gathered her wits, used the silhouette of the trees against the sky to get her bearings and found the trail after several hours. While hiking back to the truck and driving the hour-and-a-half ride home, she thought, what a great scenario for a book.

"I'd already started a novel I wanted to take place in the area, but I did not know what the story was. I thought it was about a female hunter who goes hunting and then becomes lost. But for me, when I write a book, I look for the metaphor in the story," Les Becquets said. "What does it mean to be lost, metaphorically?"

And so the geography of *Breaking Wild*, released Feb. 9, is a metaphor for the lives of the two women in the novel, Amy Raye Latour, a mom of two who becomes lost while hunting, and Pru Hathaway, who responds to the missing-person call and goes out looking with her dog.

"It's about the wild spaces within each of these women, known only to them, that they

cannot tame. The climax of this novel takes place when those internal wild spaces collide," Les Becquets said.

At the time she'd gotten lost, Les Becquets was at an impasse in her own life, uncertain which direction to take. She was divorced with kids and working to earn her master of fine arts, while at the same time looking to leave the area she called home for a place with better job opportunities.

She started writing the novel, but it didn't get far. She moved to New Hampshire and fell in love with and married a New Hampshire forester before losing him to cancer not long afterward. Her literary mentor, and then her agent, also died during that time.

"For me, there was a period of my life I literally felt paralyzed. I felt I could not write this book," she said. "With those three losses, I needed time to heal."

Les Becquets didn't pick it back up until a few years ago. She was program director of Southern New Hampshire University's Master of Fine Arts program for fiction and nonfiction at the time, and as part of the job, she attended conferences with the Association of Writers & Writing Programs. There she met a literary agent, Michelle Brower, who asked about her writing. Brower liked what she heard, and then what she saw. Les Becquets spent the next year writing and rewriting.

Les Becquets had written other books — her last young adult novel, *Season of Ice*, came out in 2008 — but she realizes now the time wasn't right for this one.

"I went through a lot of living," said Les Becquets, who has since remarried. "I think it was necessary for me to get through the things I did. When I got to the other side, it was like I had a different voice and a different way of writing."

Les Becquets is a big believer in living to research your book, which is what she tells her students at SNHU. Hardly a day goes by when she's not outdoors.

"I want to do everything, so I can experience life, and in doing so, the words on the page that I write, I hope, will be life on the page," she said. "My goal is to transport readers into the worlds I love and the environments I love." 🍷

## Meet Diane Les Becquets

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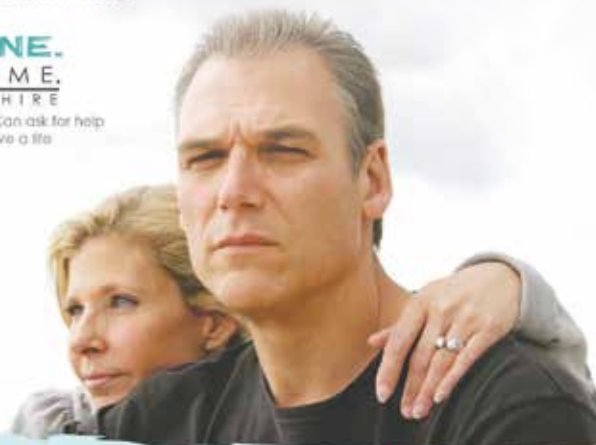
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**Kookooland, by  
Gloria Norris (Regan  
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Manchester, get ready for your close-up. It arrives in a gritty new memoir by Gloria Norris, a California screenwriter and film producer who grew up

in Elmwood Garden, in Manchester's South End — “the projects,” or, as her sister put it, “poor people housing.”

*Kookooland* is the story of Norris' hard-scrabble upbringing at the hands of a profane, abusive father and his enabling and frustratingly compliant wife. Jimmy and Shirley loved Gloria and her half-sister, Virginia, but they were inept at life, love, relationships and, especially, parenting. If fathers had to be licensed, Jimmy Norris would have had his taken away before his youngest daughter could walk. He called her “dum dum” and “dummkopf” (German for idiot); took her to horror movies in which women were tortured and murdered; drank, cussed, flirted with other women and demeaned their mother in front of the girls; and, when Norris hurt her neck swimming at the beach and the family thought she might be paralyzed, said, “Nice going, Quasimodo. It was a beautiful day and you had to go and spoil our fun.”

But as dysfunctional as the Greek-American family was, at least none of them killed another, like their close family friends, the Piasecnys.

The sad, tortured fortunes of the Piasecny family can be found in newspaper archives, which document how the father, Hank, stabbed the mother and another man to death; got off on an insanity plea; and was later murdered by his daughter, whose penalty was also two years in a mental institution.

It all made for one of New England's most notorious crimes, and 9-year-old Gloria Norris was a ringside observer. *Kookooland* is not just a memoir of a desperate, smart child growing up in a dangerously dysfunctional family in the 1960s, but an elegantly constructed portrait of a crime.

If Manchester comes off looking seedy — “nowheresville, New Hampshire,” as O, The Oprah Magazine puts it — it's because that's the only part that Norris knew, and she escaped to California as soon as she could.

Ironically, “Kookooland” is what her father called California, which he hated, although, as the story depressingly unfolds, the double meaning is clear: Kookooland is where the Norris family dwelled.

The story itself reads like a novel: short chapters, tart titles, with dialogue so rich and detailed it could not have been constructed from memory. It begins with Gloria at age 9, a bright, gutsy child with crooked front teeth who had embraced the role assigned to her by father — admiring sidekick — as a means of

self-preservation. Gloria learns important life lessons from Jimmy and his friends — among them, how to steal lobsters, bet on racehorses, shoot rats and evade the police — but her favorite place to visit is the former marital home of the Piasecnys, where she might get to interact with the most beautiful and inspirational person she knows: Susan, Hank and Doris' college-age daughter who was going to be a doctor, or whatever she wanted.

“According to Jimmy, Susan could do anything. Supposedly all of Manchester and even some people outside of New Hampshire felt the same way.”

Susan encouraged the sycophantic fourth-grader, told her that she, too, could be anything she wanted to be, go to college, even to Radcliffe. Or Rat Cliff. Young Gloria wasn't sure. But she was so enamored of Susan that she would tell Horrible Heddy that they were best friends, and she'd fantasize about their friendship growing stronger as she grew up.

Ironically, that happened. Although they fell out of touch over the years as each life grew increasingly complex in disparate ways, the two remained friends, and that story is as compelling, from its beginning to end, as any other told here.

The Piasecny saga is carefully knit into the everyday life of an aspirational young girl struggling to reconcile the injustice of the hand she drew in family-of-origin roulette with the complexity of emotions inherent in abusive relationships. In one poignant chapter, Norris pleads with her mother to leave Jimmy.

“Why? Why do you love him?” the girl asks.

“She took her time answering. I wasn't sure if she couldn't think of a good answer or if there were too many answers floating around in her head.”

Finally, the mother replies, “Cause no one else loves him.”

While Norris, like her mother, manages to find empathy for a man who made her life hell, the reader may not be so forgiving. Some of Jimmy's more despicable antics call for a good smack of the skull with a baseball bat. But that impulse itself illustrates the ugly cycle of violence.

Though it doubles as a crime story (blockbuster Hollywood hit soon to come), more than anything *Kookooland* is a coming-of-age story, more painful than most because of its exceedingly raw, wounded characters. There is much ugliness here, but also much hope, that little shoots of excellence can sprout from the dull cement of “the projects.”

Among the people Norris thanks in her acknowledgments: her friends Woody Allen, Brian De Palma, Martin Scorsese and Robert De Niro.

Also, Jimmy Norris, who knew she was writing a book and told her, “Crucify me if you have to, to get the goddamn story right.”

A — Jennifer Graham



# Book Report

• **Murder ink:** Hippo Associate Publisher Dan Szczesny recently edited *Murder Ink*, a collection of "hard-bitten" newsroom crime fiction short stories set in New England. The book launches Saturday, Feb. 20, at the New England Newspaper and Press Association winter conference in Boston. The tales are written by newspaper reporters (and reporting alum) from around the region, taking readers to the North-east Kingdom of Vermont and the back alleys of Boston. The book is published by Plaidswede Publishing, which has published four books in the New Hampshire pulp fiction series — *Live Free or Undead*, *Live Free or Die! Die! Die!*, *Live Free or Sci-Fi* and *Love Free or Die* (not to mention the other collections to be released later this year, *Live Free and Ride* and *Live Free and Dragons*). Visit [nhbooksellers.com](http://nhbooksellers.com).

• **New books by local authors:** Moultonborough author Chris Ulm recently released a novel, *Vengeance: Children of*



*Faust: Book 1*, about a middle school girl, tormented by a school bully and a drunken father, who is offered a deal from a demon. The book is available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Belmont author and New England College alum Dan Lawton also released a novel, a crime suspense thriller called *Operation Salazar* revolving around a home invasion in Stoneham, Mass., which is also available on Amazon.

• **100 years:** Neil Levesque, executive director of the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, presents "First in the Nation: Celebrating 100 Years of the Presidential Primary" on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m., at the Milford Town Hall, 1 Union Square, Milford. The New Hampshire presidential primary was first held March 14, 1916, to directly select candidates rather than delegates. Levesque's talk will cover the history and significance of the primary and provide an inside scoop on the issues and personalities in the current race for the White House. — *Kelly Sennott*

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POP CULTURE | FILM REVIEWS BY AMY DIAZ

## Pride and Prejudice and Zombies (PG-13)

Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy enjoy a repressed flirtation while Britain battles an epidemic of flesh-eating undead in *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*, a movie that seems about four years too late to really cash in on the whole mash-up thing but hey, people need things to watch when they're home sick on random Wednesday afternoons.

It is a truth universally acknowledged that when the English countryside is threatened by zombies, the young ladies of marriageable age must learn warrior arts as well as how to catch a husband with good prospects. Thusly while Mr. Bennet (Charles Dance) has sent his girls to China for kung fu training, Mrs. Bennet (Sally Phillips) is the more excited by the introduction of the wealthy and unattached Mr. Bingley (Douglas Booth) to neighboring Netherfield Park. Second-oldest of the five Bennet daughters, Elizabeth (Lily James) is more interested in excelling at her Shaolin training than finding a husband, but Bingley does quickly become enamored with oldest daughter Jane (Bella Heathcote). Meanwhile, younger daughters Kitty (Suki Waterhouse) and Lydia (Ellie Bamber) agree with their mother's hope that such a match could mean rich men for all the sisters.

It's because of such crassness that Bingley's proud friend Mr. Darcy (Sam Riley) argues against his choice of Jane, even as Mr. Darcy finds himself falling for Elizabeth. Though at first he thinks her tolerable but not handsome enough to tempt him, he gets all goo-goo eyed when he sees her fighting off a horde of zombies who break up a country ball. But then a certain Mr. Wickham (Jack Huston) shows up with a tale of Darcy's less than gentlemanly past behavior. Can Darcy overcome his pride and Elizabeth her prejudice against his haughty ways?

This is that kind of movie that, on a few occasions, feels the need to spell out that Darcy's sin is pride and Elizabeth's sin is



*Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*

prejudice. Take away the zombies and the fighting you'd have a very simplistic, almost amateurish retelling of the classic Austen story. I say "almost" because the movie makes some interesting choices here and there that even without the zombies would have made it an attention-worthy entry among the different adaptations of *P&P*. The character of Mr. Collins (Matt Smith), the obsequious parson who wants to marry one (not that he particularly cares which one) of the Bennet girls, has more or less the same lines but his whole character is designed just a bit differently in a way that has nothing to do with zombies. That and a moment when, during the derailed proposal between Darcy and Elizabeth, it comes out that Darcy thought Jane was too cold to Bingley, to which Elizabeth replies "she's shy!" while throwing a book at his head, point to different directions new adaptations of *Pride & Prejudice* could go, even without adding elements of the supernatural.

But, of course, this movie does have zombies. Campy, occasionally silly-looking zombies who, because of the rules of how this movie's zombie-ism progresses, can occasionally talk and pass along information to the living. I don't know that the movie is as smart as it could have been about the way it fits zombies into a romantic comedy of

manners, but it gives the story not only a few "genre out of water" moments of humor but also a bit of urgency.

And, while the movie isn't a parody, it does have a bit of fun with some of the visuals and beats of previous *Pride and Prejudice* productions, most specifically the 1995 BBC version that is something of a gold standard (with its Colin Firth and his spectacular slow-burn Darcy). This all adds up to a movie that is silly but more fun than it probably has a right to be, particularly considering that its performances, while not bad, are also not, to a man, memorable.

I read *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* way back when it was first a thing (2009). I vaguely remember enjoying how zombies were shoved into the Austen tale. I say "vaguely" because I don't really remember the story itself, much as I doubt I will remember this movie much beyond having viewed it. It is cute and fun and seems built to evaporate. **B-**

*Rated PG-13 for zombie action and violence, and brief suggestive material. Directed by Burr Steers with a screenplay by Burr Steers from the novel by Jane Austen and Seth Grahame-Smith, Pride and Prejudice and Zombies is an hour and 48 minutes long and distributed by Screen Gems.*

## AT THE MULTIPLEX

### Coming soon

**Feb. 11: *Deadpool* (R)** Ryan Reynolds takes another stab at the superhero thing with this Marvel outing; *Zoolander 2* (PG-13) Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson return to the middle-distance-stare-filled world of male modeling; *How to Be Single* (R) I am rooting for this movie because its cast includes Rebel Wilson, Dakota Johnson and Damon Wayans Jr. — all have proven track records of funny.

### Reviewlets

\* Indicates movies worth seeing.

\**Hail, Caesar!* (PG-13)

Josh Brolin, George Clooney.

A day in the life of an old-school Hollywood fixer provides the frame for a series of glimpses into the 1950s-era studio system with all of its technicolor delights and juicy backstories. This Coen Brothers movie lives more in upbeat wacky *Burn After Reading* territory than the darker worlds of, say, *A Serious Man* or *Inside Llewyn Davis*. If you enjoy extreme Coenness, this is your jam. **B+**

\**Jane Got a Gun* (R)

Natalie Portman, Joel Edgerton. This western might be slight but it is enjoyable. Portman stars as a woman who hires her ex to help

her face off against a no-good varmint and his no-good-varmint men who are coming to shoot up her New Mexico territory home. **B-**

\**Joy* (PG-13)

Jennifer Lawrence, Robert De Niro. This highly stylized David O. Russell movie tells the story of single mom Joy, her cruddy family and her dream of finding success with one of her inventions. The movie is mostly Jennifer Lawrence being fun to watch but that, really, is good enough to carry the occasionally too-much rest of the movie. **B+**

\**Kung Fu Panda 3* (PG)

Voices of Jack Black, Bryan Cranston. There is something a little pared down about this whimsical and fun continuation to the story of Po, the dumpling-eating, kung-fu mastering panda. After introducing Po to his long lost biological panda father — much to the anxiousness of his adopted goose father — the movie gets down to the business of having Po and his new panda friends fight a big evil and learn to "believe in yourself" and that "everybody has something special about them." Entertainment and encouragement — not bad for **\$8. B**



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• **Trumbo** (R, 2015) Thurs., Feb. 11, at 7:50 p.m.  
• **Clue** (PG, 1985) Thurs., Feb. 11, at 6 p.m.;  
• **Brooklyn** (PG-13, 2015) Thurs., Feb. 11, at 2 & 5:30 p.m.; Fri., Feb. 12, at 12:45 & 6 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 13, at 12:45 & 6 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 14, at 12:45 & 6 p.m.; Mon., Feb. 15, at 2 & 5:25 p.m.; Tues., Feb. 16, at 2 & 5:25 p.m.; Wed., Feb. 17, at 2 & 5:25 p.m.; & Thurs., Feb. 18, at 2 & 5:25 p.m.  
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• **45 Years** (R, 2015) Fri., Feb. 12, at 1:15, 3:30, 5:45 & 8 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 13, at 1:15, 3:30, 5:45 & 8 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 14, at 1:15, 3:30 & 5:45 p.m.; Mon., Feb. 15, at 2:05, 5:30 & 7:45 p.m.; Tues., Feb. 16, at 2:05, 5:30 & 7:45 p.m.; Wed., Feb. 17, at 2:05, 5:30 & 7:45 p.m.; & Thurs., Feb. 18, at 2:05, 5:30 & 7:45 p.m.  
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• **2016 Oscar-nominated shorts: Documentary** (NR, 2015) Sat., Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., Feb. 18, at 6 p.m.  
• **Notting Hill** (PG, 1999) Sun., Feb. 14, at 4 p.m.  
• **The Black Panthers** (NR, 2015) Wed., Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

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• **The Martian** (PG-13, 2015) Thurs., Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m.  
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• **2016 Oscar-nominated Shorts: Live Action & Animated** (NR, 2015) Fri., Feb. 12, through Thurs., Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m. Additional screening Sun., Feb. 14, at 2 p.m.  
• **An Affair to Remember** (1957) Sat., Feb. 13, at 4:30 p.m.

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# THE ROUND UP

Local music news & events

By Michael Witthaus  
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• **Rock hard: The Shift** is a New York-based power trio comprised of in-demand session musicians. Touring in support of last year's 7th *Direction* EP, the band bookends Boston and NYC dates with a show in Milford. They're back in New Hampshire at month's end. Go Thursday, Feb. 11, at J's Tavern, 63 Union Square, Milford. See theshiftofficial.com.

• **Troops tribute:** Active rock NEMA winner **Leaving Eden** appears at a show benefiting veterans' causes. The high-energy quartet has toured the world and shared stages with a long list of acts including Korn, Tremonti and Queensryche. See them Friday, Feb. 12, at 8 p.m., at VFW Post 8546, 42 North Broadway, Salem. Tickets \$8; see levengeden.com.

• **Friendly folk:** Founded by high school pals Kaylon Sweet and Matt Belanger, **The New New Hampshire** will appeal to fans of folk modernists like Mumford & Sons, Lumineers and Old Crow Medicine Show. Belanger describes it as "campfire soul with a twist of Latin flair." See them Saturday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. at Café La Reine, 916 Elm St., Manchester. See thenewnewhampshire.com.

• **Love & laughter:** Celebrate Valentine's Day with a joke or two as **Mike Koutrobis** headlines a comedy show with a dinner option. Enjoy Koutrobis' take on romance, where love is a minefield marked by trips to "Bed Bath and Way Beyond" and redecorating efforts aren't exactly domestic bliss. Skilled improv comic Pat Napoli shares the bill. Go Sunday, Feb. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Mama McDonough's, 5 Depot St., Hillsborough. Tickets are \$10 and \$30 (with dinner) at headlinerscomedyclub.com.

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## NITE Ubiquitous

Brad Myrick performs, produces and promotes

By Michael Witthaus  
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It's noon on an unseasonably temperate Sunday in January at a small town coffee house. Every table in the cozy, well-lit café is occupied; a few more patrons sit in easy chairs outside on a wraparound porch. Between the hisses of espresso milk steaming and the clink of ladles filling soup bowls, Brad Myrick plays "Amazing Grace" on his Taylor guitar.

With sprays of raga picking and jazzy interludes, this version is no church song. As it finishes, the modest crowd responds with warm applause — clearly here for music, not just coffee and quiche.

"A room full of people appreciating the thing I love to do," Myrick said with a smile. "There's nothing better."

He's midway through a brunch set at the latest venue offering live music in the arts-friendly hamlet of Warner. It's part of a weekly acoustic series that began with the new year, created by café owner Darryl Parker and booked by Myrick.

"I think of it as a salon," Parker said from behind the counter of Schoodacs, which he opened last September.

Myrick and Parker met at The Local, a restaurant across the street from Schoodacs that offers music on Fridays and Saturdays.

### Acoustic Brunch Series

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Feb. 14: Kenny Weiland

Feb. 21: Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki

Feb. 28: Katy White



Brad Myrick. Courtesy photo.

"He saw me perform several times there and, when he decided to open this place, asked me if I'd be interested," Myrick said. "It's the classic way of just being out on the circuit as a performer. My best promotion is to go play."

Myrick has a few more irons in the fire — he books weekends at Stark House Tavern in Weare and curates a monthly music clinic at Concord's Strings & Things Music Store, where he also teaches. In the spring, he'll return to promoting weekly jazz at Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough and live entertainment for an area farmers market.

A well-rounded music businessman, Myrick also produces area performers. Last fall, he spent a long week in St. Louis performing and teaching. One day, he gave a lecture on how to make a living as a professional musician in today's economy. The Cliff Notes: Be creative in more ways than music.

"The people that aren't famous but are making a career out of playing music are doing more than one thing," Myrick said, adding that "entrepreneurial creativity" is key.

It's a lesson Myrick learned when he returned to his native Hopkinton a few years ago after nearly a decade working in Southern California.

"I had to play a lot of cover gigs when I got back to town. ... I didn't know anybody, even though it was my home," he said.

This meant finding ways to have fun while

keeping dinner crowds happy, like turning "Brown Eyed Girl" into a bossa nova or laying a funk groove over "(Sittin' On) the Dock of the Bay."

"If I do something creative and artistic with it as a format, then it becomes jazz," he said. "Some people hate to play cover tunes, but I love it — it forces me to be creative."

That said, nothing satisfies Myrick more than "performing my original music in front of as many people as possible." He travels to Italy twice a year, where he's enough of a celebrity to play theaters. As a member of Vinx's band, Myrick is able to work in New York City clubs like Birdland and last summer played the Montreal Jazz Festival for the first time.

"We were at one of the better clubs; it was packed and we played an hour later than we were supposed to," Myrick said. "It was a great vibe. Vinx is so fun on stage, a true artist. You never know where he's going to take the song."

Last year his calendar was packed with shows, but Myrick is scaling back live work in 2016 to focus on following up his first solo record, *Halogen*.

"I have a lot of new material, and this year it's going to be about my artistic output," he said. "I feel I'm a pretty prolific composer but I want to get that out to the world. That's the goal."

Myrick said the material has sat around for too long.

"Between getting married [last September, to fellow musician Tanya Dutt] and the other work I'm doing, I'm always the last one," he said. "I have two, maybe three albums of solo material that I want to finish."

Kind of like the cobbler's children — there's never enough time to make shoes for their feet.

"That's a great analogy," Myrick said with a laugh. "Yeah, they're getting shoes this year." 🍷

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<b>Press Room:</b> Jim Dozet Trio <b>Red Door:</b> Green Lion Crew <b>Rudi's:</b> Chris O'Neil, Chris Sink <b>Thirsty Moose:</b> Dub Train	<b>Dover</b> <b>Cara:</b> Club Night DJ Shawunny O <b>Fury's:</b> Miss Fairchild <b>Top of the Chop:</b> Funkadelic Fridays	<b>Pitman's Freight Room:</b> Kid Pinky & His Restless Knights
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<b>Weare</b> <b>Stark House:</b> Lisa Guyer Solo	<b>Epping</b> <b>Holy Grail:</b> Aaron Denny & Co <b>Telly's:</b> Brian Johnson	<b>Lebanon</b> <b>Salt Hill Pub:</b> Ida Mae Specker
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<b>Windham</b> <b>Common Man:</b> Mike Morris	<b>Epsom</b> <b>Hilltop Pizzeria:</b> Chris Lester	<b>Manchester</b> <b>City Sports Grille:</b> DJ Dave
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<b>Belmont</b> <b>Lakes Region Casino:</b> DJ Mark <b>Shooters:</b> Eric Grant Band	<b>Francetown</b> <b>Toll Booth:</b> Dance Hall Epidemic	<b>Derryfield:</b> Last Kid Picked <b>Fratello's:</b> Ryan Williamson <b>ManchVegas:</b> Houston Bernard Band
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<b>Boscawen</b> <b>Alan's:</b> Ted Solovicos	<b>Gilford</b> <b>Patrick's:</b> Cody James Gang	<b>Murphy's:</b> Tim Theriault Band <b>N'awlins:</b> Big Easy Quartet <b>Queen's Pub:</b> Midnight Crisis <b>Shaskeen:</b> Bruce Jacques
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<b>Claremont</b> <b>New Socials:</b> Jason Cann	<b>Hampton</b> <b>Savory Square:</b> Bob Halperin & Joe Riillo	<b>Strange Brew:</b> Bees Deluxes <b>Tin Roof:</b> Fridays With Frydae
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<b>Concord</b> <b>Makris:</b> Reckless <b>Pit Road Lounge:</b> Red Sky Mary <b>Red Blazer:</b> Mark Dionne <b>Tandy's:</b> DJ Iceman Streetz <b>True Brew:</b> The Amazing Hot Sauce Experiment	<b>Hanover</b> <b>Canoe Club:</b> Gillian Joy <b>Salt Hill Pub:</b> Jake Davis & The Whiskey Stones	<b>Whiskey's 20:</b> DJs Jason Spivak & Sammy Smoove <b>Wild Rover:</b> M B Padfield Duo
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<b>Contoocook</b> <b>Covered Bridge:</b> Paul Hubert	<b>Henniker</b> <b>Sled Pub:</b> Matt Porier	<b>Merrimack</b> <b>Homestead:</b> Marc Apostolides
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<b>Derry</b> <b>Drae:</b> Alan Roux	<b>Hillsborough</b> <b>Turismo:</b> Bad Intentions	<b>Milford</b> <b>Aden China:</b> DJ Brian <b>J's Tavern:</b> Jenni Lynn Duo <b>Pasta Loft:</b> Tim Brown and Black Diamond <b>Tiebreakers:</b> Brad Bosse
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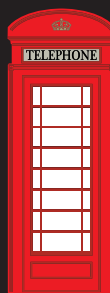
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### NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

**Nashua**  
**Boston Billiard Club:** Everett Pendleton  
**Dolly Shakers:** Ron Noyes Band  
**Fody's:** Hunter  
**Fratello's:** Kelsie Hinds  
**Haluwa:** Terminal Velocity  
**Peddler's Daughter:** Take 4  
**Riverwalk Cafe:** Soule Monde w/ The Youngest Sun  
**Stella Blu:** Tom Rousseau

**Newmarket**  
**Riverworks:** Pete Peterson  
**Stone Church:** Elephant with People Like You

**Peterborough**  
**Harlow's:** Dub Apocalypse

**Plaistow**  
**Crow's Nest:** Zero to Sixty  
**Racks:** Dan Lawson Band

**Portsmouth**  
**Birdseye Lounge:** Nat Osborn w/ Qwill  
**Demeters:** Dennis Coraccio  
**Dolphin Striker:** Brick Yard Blues  
**Fat Belly's:** DJ Cootz  
**Martingale:** The Fischer Kings  
**Portsmouth Book & Bar:** The White Owls  
**Press Room:** Nick Goumas Quintet  
**Red Door:** Face of Fate & Ryan Obermiller  
**Ri Ra:** Mike Lewis Band  
**Rudi's:** Duke & John Hunter  
**Thirsty Moose:** Cover Story

**Rochester**  
**Radloff's:** Dancing Madly Backwards Duo

**Seabrook**  
**Chop Shop:** Higher Ground

**Weare**  
**Stark House:** Malcolm Salls

**Saturday, Feb. 13**  
**Belmont**  
**Lakes Region Casino:** Eric Grant Band

**Boscawen**  
**Alan's:** Side Car Duo

**Concord**  
**Hermanos:** Andrew Greene  
**Penuche's:** Diamond Joe, Lauren Hurley  
**Pit Road:** Red Sky Mary  
**Tandy's:** DJ Iceman Streetz

**True Brew:** Absinthe and Opium Burlesque

**Derry**  
**Drac:** Joel Cage  
**Hilltop Spot:** Brad Myrick

**Dover**  
**Cara:** Club night DJ Shawnny O  
**Fury's Publick House:** Canopy

**Epping**  
**Holy Grail:** Max Sullivan  
**Telly's:** Ted Solovicos  
**Tortilla Flat:** Doug Mitchell

**Gilford**  
**Patrick's:** Jodie Cunningham

**Goffstown**  
**Village Trestle:** Off Duty Angels

**Hampton**  
**Savory Square:** Sharon Jones

**Hanover**  
**Salt Hill Pub:** DoBros

**Henniker**  
**Sled Pub:** The McMurphy's

**Laconia**  
**Pitman's:** Tall Granite Big Band

**Londonderry**  
**Coach Stop:** Steve Tolley

**Manchester**  
**Derryfield:** Last Laugh  
**Fratello's:** Lachlan Maclearn  
**Funktion:** Brad Bosse  
**ManchVegas:** Without Paris  
**Midnight Rodeo:** Martin and Kelly  
**Murphy's:** Connption Fits  
**N'awlins:** Rob Wolfe Trio  
**Penuche's:** Formula 5  
**Queen's Pub:** NOB-Nick's Other Band  
**Shaskeen:** Aldous Collins Band  
**Strange Brew:** BJ Magoon and Driving Sideways  
**Whiskey's 20:** DJ Hizzy/Shawn White  
**Wild Rover:** John Ridlon

**Merrimack**  
**Homestead:** Marc Apostolides

**Milford**  
**Aden China:** DJ Brian  
**J's Tavern:** Blindspot  
**Pasta Loft:** Valentines Dinner Dance w/ DJ Dave Alcox  
**Union Coffee:** Vice President, split/halves, Phileep

**Nashua**  
**Boston Billiard Club:** DJ Anthem Throwback  
**Dolly Shakers:** Among the Living  
**Fody's:** Ghost Cats  
**Fratello's:** Jeff Mrozek  
**Haluwa:** Terminal Velocity  
**Peddler's Daughter:** Lovesounds  
**Riverwalk Cafe:** Four Piece Suit w. Moody Street Sound  
**Stella Blu:** Wooden Soul  
**Thirsty Turtle:** By Request

**Peterborough**  
**Harlow's:** Brad Bosse

**Plaistow**  
**Crow's Nest:** Bite the Bullet

**Portsmouth**  
**Blue Mermaid:** Kenny Brothers  
**Demeters:** Chris O'Neill & Gina Alibrio  
**Dolphin Striker:** Digney Fingus  
**Fat Belly's:** DJ Provo  
**Hilton Garden:** Cormac McCarthy  
**Martingale:** Michael Troy Duo  
**Portsmouth Book & Bar:** Lyle Brewer  
**Press Room:** Truffle's Mardi Gras / Valentines Day Celebration w/Hot Tamale Horns)  
**Red Door:** George Vala/Audio Prophecy  
**Ri Ra:** Cover Story  
**Rudi's:** Jarod Steer Trio  
**Thirsty Moose:** Groovin' You

**Raymond**  
**Cork n Keg:** Brendon Lepere

**Salem**  
**Barking Bean:** Dave LaCroix

**Seabrook**  
**Chop Shop:** Valentine Party w/ Wildside

**Weare**  
**Stark House:** Katy White

**Sunday, Feb. 14**  
**Auburn**  
**Auburn Pitts:** Nicole Knox Murphy

**Bedford**  
**Copper Door:** Clint LaPointe

**Concord**  
**Hermanos:** State Street Combo

**Dover**  
**Cara:** Irish Session w/ Carol Coronis & Ramona Connelly  
**Sonny's:** Sonny's Jazz

### COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

**Thursday, Feb. 11**  
**Portsmouth**  
**Birdseye Lounge:** Alington Mitra/Matt Kona

McDonald's 15th Annual Comedy Extravaganza

**Friday, Feb. 12**  
**Portsmouth**  
**Music Hall:** Mike

**Rochester**  
**Rochester Opera House:** Frank Santos, Jr.

**Saturday, Feb. 13**  
**Manchester**  
**Headliners:** Will Noonan  
**Verizon Wireless:** Jeff Dunham

**Sunday, Feb. 14**  
**Hillsborough**  
**Mama McDonough's:** Mike Koutrobis/Pat Napoli

**Monday, Feb. 15**  
**Concord**  
**Penuche's:** Punchlines



**Goffstown**  
Village Trestle: Blues Jam

**Hannover**  
Canoe Club: Sidecar Duo

**Henniker**  
Country Spirit: Walker Smith

**Hillsborough**  
Mama McDonough's: Brad Bosse  
Turismo: Boo Boo Groove

**Hooksett**  
Tap House: Montage Trio

**Manchester**  
Queen's Pub: Rich Roby Acoustic  
Shaskeen: Rap, Industry night  
Strange Brew: Jam

**Meredith**  
Giuseppe's: Open Stage with Lou Porrazzo

**Nashua**  
Burton's Grill: Aaron Chase  
Riverwalk Cafe: Hungry Tree/  
Open Celtic Sessions

**Newbury**  
Goosefeathers Pub: Jim Hollis

**Portsmouth**  
Dolphin Striker: Sidecar Duo  
Press Room: Sunday Night Jazz  
Series w/Chris Humphrey and  
Patrice Williamson  
Red Door: Strange Strings  
Showcase

**Rochester**  
Radloff's: James McGarvey

**Monday, Feb. 15**  
**Concord**  
Hermanos: State Street Combo

**Hannover**  
Canoe: Marko the Magician

## NITE CONCERTS

**Capitol Center for the Performing Arts** 44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com  
**The Colonial Theatre** 95 Main St., Keene, 352-2033, thecolonial.org

- **Candlebox Acoustic** Thursday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m. Tupelo
- **Frank Santos Jr. R-Rated Hypnotist** Friday, Feb. 12, 8 p.m. Rochester Opera House
- **Candlebox Acoustic** Friday, Feb. 12, 8 p.m. Tupelo
- **Leland Garrett: Rhapsody In Black** Friday, Feb. 12, 8 p.m. Cap Center
- **Adam Ezra Group w/ Kali Stoddard-Imari** Friday, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m. Flying Monkey
- **Revisit Steppenwolf** Saturday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m. Tupelo
- **Jeff Dunham** Saturday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m. Verizon Wireless Arena
- **Southside Johnny And The**

**Salt Hill Pub:** Hootenanny  
**Manchester**  
Central Ale: Jonny Friday Duo  
Fratello's: Rob Wolfe or Phil Jacques

**Merrimack**  
Homestead: Chris Cavanaugh

**Nashua**  
Dolly Shakers: Monday's Muse  
w Lisa Guyer  
Fratello's: Justin Cohn

**Newmarket**  
Stone Church: Blues Jam w/  
Wild Eagles Blues Band

**Portsmouth**  
Dolphin Striker: Old School  
Press Room: Ryan Parker  
Red Door: Hush Hush Sweet  
Harlot w/Gordon Goldsmith  
Ri Ra: Oran Mor

**Tuesday, Feb. 16**  
**Concord**  
Hermanos: Kid Pinky

**Dover**  
Fury's: Tim Theriault and Friends  
Sonny's: Soggy Po' Boys

**Hannover**  
Canoe: Stuart Ross Johnson

**Manchester**  
Fratello's: Kim Riley  
Shaskeen: Tom Deniston  
Strange Brew: Peter Parcek  
Whiskey's 20: Sammy Smoove  
& DJ Gera

**Nashua**  
Dolly Shakers: Psychic Night  
Fratello's: Brad Bosse

**Newmarket**  
Stone Church: Bluegrass Jam  
w/ Dave Talmage

**The Flying Monkey** 39 S. Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com  
**Rochester Opera House** 31 Wakefield St., Rochester, 335-1992, rochesteroperahouse.com

- **Asbury Jukes** Saturday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m. Flying Monkey
- **Last Waltz Live** Saturday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m. Rochester Opera House
- **Ana Popovic** Wednesday, Feb. 17, 8 p.m. Tupelo
- **Felix Cavaliere's Rascals** Friday, Feb. 19, 8 p.m. Flying Monkey
- **Jonatha Brooke** Friday, Feb. 19, 8 p.m. Tupelo
- **Spirit of Johnny Cash** Friday, Feb. 19, 8 p.m. Claremont Opera House
- **Spirit of Johnny Cash** Saturday, Feb. 20, 8 p.m. Rochester Opera House

**Portsmouth**  
Dolphin Striker: Cormac McCarthy  
Press Room: Jazz Jam w/ Larry Garland & Friends

**Wednesday, Feb. 17**  
**Concord**  
Hermanos: Rob Wolfe

**Dover**  
Fury's: The Freestones

**Gilford**  
Patrick's: DJ Megan

**Hannover**  
Canoe Club: Gillian Joy

**Manchester**  
Fratello's: RC Thomas  
Strange Brew: Roots of  
Creation (Frank-FM)  
Tin Roof: DJ Vicious

**Merrimack**  
Homestead: Justin Cohn  
Tortilla Flat: Brad Bosse

**Nashua**  
Country Tavern: Charlie  
Chronopolous Jam  
Fratello's: Phil Jacques  
Stella Blu: Gary Lopez & Dave Gerard

**Portsmouth**  
Demeters: Pete Peterson  
Dolphin Striker: Jon Plaza  
Press Room: Gary Boisse and  
Brian Richardson  
Red Door: Red On Red w/  
Evareddy (Ladies Night)  
Ri Ra: Erin's Guild  
Rudi's: Dmitri Solo Piano

**Rochester**  
Lilac City Grille: Tim Theriault  
- Ladies Night  
Radloff's: Tony Santesse  
- Ladies Night

**Tupelo Music Hall** 2 Young Road, Londonderry, 437-5100, tupelohall.com  
**Verizon Wireless Arena** 555 Elm St., Manchester, 644-5000, verizonwirelessarena.com

- **Frank Santos Jr.** Saturday, Feb. 20, 8 p.m. Palace Theatre
- **Pat & the Hats CD Release** Saturday, Feb. 20, 8 p.m. Cap Center
- **Marcia Ball** Sunday, Feb. 21, 8 p.m. Tupelo
- **Johnny Winter Legacy Band** Feb. 21, 8 p.m. Verizon Wireless Arena
- **Aztec Two-Step** Friday, Feb. 26, 8 p.m. Tupelo
- **Robert Cray** Friday, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m. Flying Monkey

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1. The Who 'Odds and \_\_\_'
5. Rappers (abbr)
8. Sinéad O'Connor likes to piss them off, perhaps
13. Cult power ballad smash
14. Cure 'Grinding \_\_\_'
15. J Geils 'Looking For \_\_\_' (1,4)

16. '12 Madonna album
17. Backstage \_\_\_
18. Meat Loaf '\_\_\_ For You (And That's The Truth)' (2,3)
19. '01 Guided By Voices album (9,6)
22. "While you \_\_\_ chance, take it" (3,1)
23. '\_\_\_ Me' Bill Withers

24. '09 fun. album '\_\_\_ Ignite' (3,3)
27. Doctor checkup sounds, pre-tour
29. Sting 'We Work The Black \_\_\_'
33. Stones concert film '\_\_\_ A Light'
34. Jim Croce '\_\_\_ Name' (1,3,1)
36. Soundtrack for Will Smith boxing movie
37. Guess Who hit "Don't give me no \_\_\_" (4,2,4,5)
40. Barry McGuire '\_\_\_ Of Destruction'
41. Paul Simon '\_\_\_ Hermanos'
42. Rage Against The Machine album 'The Battle \_\_\_ Angeles' (2,3)
43. Status Quo 'Come On You \_\_\_'
45. What they are going to do in the 'Chapel Of Love'
46. Rik of Triumph
47. Texan Joe

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49. Alan Parsons Project 'Games People \_\_\_'
50. Sugarland's 'All I Want to Do' album (4,2,3,6)
58. Pal, at rock en español show
59. What struggling musicians dread once a month
60. 10000 Maniacs 'Our Time In \_\_\_'
61. Carnival attractions at some fests
62. Brother Cane '\_\_\_ In The Bed I Make' (1,3)
63. What more ripping guitar slinger takes
64. Gawk at performer
65. 'Tender Love' Force \_\_\_
66. They wait for autographs

## Down

1. Tour 18-wheeler
2. Phil Collins 'Against All \_\_\_'
3. 80s 'I Like It' singer
4. 'Get Closer' \_\_\_ Crofts (5,3)
5. Ricky Martin song, oddly about a girl
6. 'Here & Now' Letters To \_\_\_
7. Saxist Getz
8. Duos
9. Radio format from 25-55 years prior
10. Readers vote on one
11. Demonic Interpol song?
12. "The fool on the hill, \_\_\_ the sun going down"
14. Slipknot 'I Am \_\_\_'
20. Tool's '98 Grammy-winning song

21. Guns 'N Roses '\_\_\_ Bones' (4,1)
24. James Taylor producer Peter
25. Three Days Grace 'Animal \_\_\_ Become' (1,4)
26. Dug up old album
27. OK Go '\_\_\_ Idea At The Time' (1,4)
28. Devandra Banhart '\_\_\_ About Tellin' A Story'
30. Rock/Country guitar slinger Steve
31. To dispense per diem
32. 7 Year Bitch song in center?
34. '03 Story Of The Year hit 'Until The Day \_\_\_' (1,3)
35. Journey 'When You Love \_\_\_' (1,5)
38. 'A Girl Like You' Collins
39. Matthew Sweet '100% Fun' hit 'Sick \_\_\_' (2,6)
44. Folk icon Pete
46. Like A-list rockers
48. 38 Special's grip?
49. King Missile 'Detachable \_\_\_'
50. Ulrich of Metallica
51. Cut a member
52. Coldplay 'Viva La \_\_\_'
53. What unfit rockers get, for reunion tour
54. Grasping Natalie Grant song?
55. Orson 'Bright \_\_\_'
56. DeLeo of Stone Temple Pilots
57. "Before we go any further I want my \_\_\_" Everlast

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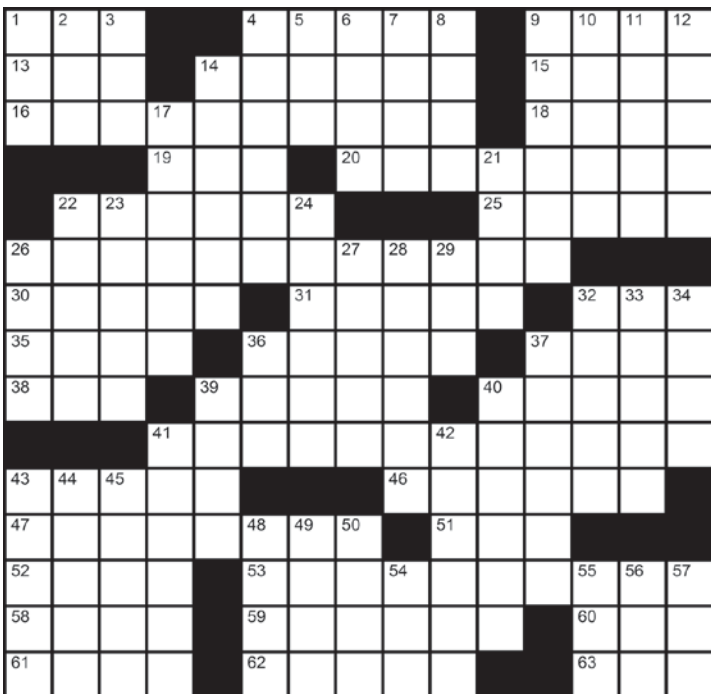
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# "Roll With It" — a round of applause

## Across

- 1 Part of NKOTB  
4 Reason for a Boy Scout badge  
9 Trolley  
13 Twenty-one desirable  
14 Brunch beverage  
15 Negative space  
16 Arts and crafts chain in a 2014 Supreme Court decision  
18 It may be golden  
19 Pianist Tatum  
20 Like just-above-freezing tempera-



- tures, in Celsius  
22 Racetrack suggestion  
25 2, 4, 6, 8, what do these approximate?  
26 The Hamburglar's catchphrase  
30 Rallying cry against Cobra, perhaps  
31 Chinese premier Zhou \_\_\_\_  
32 Karl Lagerfeld prop  
35 Play \_\_\_\_ role  
36 Subsequent to  
37 "I can do that!"  
38 D.C. ballplayer  
39 Henry Doorly Zoo city  
40 First two-time Nobel  
41 Foolish talk, to B.A. Baracus  
43 1990s defense secretary Les  
46 Thai appetizers on skewers  
47 Through the efforts of  
51 TV show taper, once  
52 Evian waters

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- 53 "Va-va-voom!" relative  
58 Run in neutral  
59 Pungent-tasting, in a way  
60 Veterans Day mo.  
61 Long-distance swimmer Diana  
62 Drummer Charlie of the Rolling Stones  
63 Cute spherical character in "The Force Awakens" demonstrated in this grid (not counting this answer)

## Down

- 1 "No dice"  
2 "The Name of the Rose" novelist Umberto  
3 One W of WWW  
4 "Uncle" of early TV  
5 Philips who said "How many people here have telekinetic powers? Raise my hand"  
6 Prefix for call or cop  
7 Bookstore ID  
8 Actor Diggs who coauthored the 2015 children's book "Mixed Me!"  
9 Do very well  
10 Cheekbone enhancer  
11 "I'm betting everything," to poker players  
12 Track events  
14 \_\_\_\_ Beach, South Carolina  
17 Creation born in 1982, according to the Weekly World News

- 21 Bagel and lox purveyor  
22 Water pipe in a lounge (var.)  
23 \_\_\_\_ d'art  
24 Factory-made, as housing  
26 Actor Gosling  
27 "\_\_\_\_ Good Ship Lollipop"  
28 Goes out of focus  
29 Place to pick up glasses  
32 1998 interactive toy with its own artificial language  
33 First astrological sign  
34 \_\_\_\_-do-well (slacker)  
36 Diplomat's title, for short  
37 Forester automaker  
39 Make like a pig  
40 Like a memorable tune  
41 Full of bad luck  
42 Some Indonesians, by location  
43 Used the dining room table  
44 Untrustworthy  
45 Comedian Poundstone  
48 "Fish" or "CHiPs," e.g.  
49 Melt base  
50 "In memoriam" writeup  
54 Droid  
55 Air \_\_\_\_ (lodging website)  
56 "Better Call Saul" star Odenkirk  
57 "I could've had \_\_\_\_!" (juice slogan)

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**Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)** *I'm a pack rat, and I had so much stuff it became a burden. Most of it didn't mean anything anymore. I was sick of so many pictures of myself in my own home, and who needs two dozen pairs of cowboy boots? Nobody, that's who.*

**Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)** *Fred Astaire was the most elegant man I ever met. The first time I saw him in person he was wearing a necktie around his waist instead of a belt. I thought it looked terrific, so I did the same thing and a guy came up to me and said, "Here's twenty bucks, buy yourself a belt." Some people can pull off a certain look. Others can't. Find your look.*

**Aries (March 21 – April 19)** *Not all actors are movie fans. It shocks me how little some of them know about their profession, especially the actors who came before them. I could never understand it when an actor couldn't name three Bette Davis movies. Quick, name three Burt Reynolds movies. Hey, it might be a good week for cheesy movies.*

**Taurus (April 20 – May 20)** *I tell my students to try to work with actors who are better than they are and try to figure out why they're better. And to think of themselves as part of a community. Great advice. Do that.*

**Gemini (May 21 – June 20)** *I've done more than a hundred movies. I'm proud of maybe five of them. And I'll match my record of missed opportunities with anyone in the business. Don't miss an opportunity to make yourself proud.*

**Cancer (June 21 – July 22)** *For a long time I took roles that would be the most fun, not the most challenging. In the process I missed out on some wonderful parts.*

## NITE SUDOKU

### Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

4	1			2				5
	3						6	2
			9					
			6		5	3		
9								7
		4	8		1			
					7			
5	7						3	
2				1			5	9

Difficulty Level ★★

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## SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Last week's puzzle answers are below

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6	8	4	9	7	1	2	3	5
7	9	5	4	2	3	8	6	1
1	2	3	6	8	5	7	9	4
4	1	8	5	6	9	3	2	7
3	5	7	2	1	8	9	4	6
9	6	2	7	3	4	5	1	8
2	4	1	8	9	7	6	5	3
5	7	6	3	4	2	1	8	9
8	3	9	1	5	6	4	7	2

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## Compelling explanations

The Latest in Corruption News: (1) Italy's highest court freed a man in January because the bribe he offered a cop to avoid a DUI ticket was "too small" to be serious: 100 euros (about \$108). (2) Lawyers for John Bills (former Chicago city commissioner on trial for taking bribes on a traffic-camera contract) said Bills was obviously innocent because everyone knows that, in Chicago, only bribing the mayor (or at least an alderman) will get anything done. (3) A security guard in Nairobi, Kenya, despairingly told a New York Times reporter in November (detailing corruption so rampant that, for example, ballpoint pens were being sold to the government for \$85 each) that "If (people)'re going to steal, please, just steal a little."

## Frontiers of fashion

Even though concealed-carry gun permit-holders in Texas can now "open carry," pistol-packing women concerned with fashion are not limited to traditional firearms in ordinary cowboy holsters. An online company, The Well Armed Woman, offers such carry options as stylish leggings, lace waistbands and an array of underarm and bra holsters (even an in-cup model, the "Marilyn") in leopard-print and pastel colors. However, a woman's body shape and size may be more important shopping considerations, according to the company's founder. "A 32A bust could not conceal a Glock 19 very well nor would a 42DD-or-larger allow for effective cross-draw carry."

## Democracy blues

In January, Robert Battle took the oath of office for his second term as a city councilman in East Chicago, Indiana administered at the county lockup, where he is being held without bail, charged with a cold-blooded murder during a drug deal. The crime made news in October (i.e., before election day), yet Battle still won his race. According to law, he cannot be forced out of office unless he is convicted or admits the crimes, and he had the right to vote for himself in the election (except that he failed to request an absentee ballot).

## Canonical marijuana

(1) The Albany, New York, company Vir-eo Health told reporters it would soon offer the world's first certified Kosher marijuana, announcing that the Orthodox Union of New York had authenticated it as having met Jewish dietary laws (e.g., grown with insect-free plants). (Other Kosher-validating officials complained that the approval should apply only to marijuana that is eaten, not smoked.) (2) Two habit-wearing nuns were scheduled to ask the Merced (California) City Council in January to decline its

prerogative under state law to ban dispensing or cultivating medical marijuana. The nuns' order makes and sells salves and tonics for pain management, using a strain of cannabis containing only a trace of psychoactive material.

## Bright ideas

Taiwanese scientists recently announced the availability of their Infant Cries Translator (iPhone and Android app), which they say can, with 77 percent accuracy (92 percent for those under 2 weeks old), tell what a baby wants by its screeches and wailings. The National Taiwan University Hospital Yunlin doctors first had to create a database of 200,000 crying sounds.

## The continuing crisis

• A former lecturer for Spanish classes at the liberal arts Amherst College near Northampton, Massachusetts, sued the school in December after it failed to renew her contract leading the lecturer to charge that the Spanish department had tried to solicit student course enrollment by prostitution. Lecturer Dimaris Barrios-Beltran accused her supervisor, Victoria Maillo, of hiring only attractive "teaching assistants" and encouraging them to "date" Amherst students with the ulterior motive of signing them up for Spanish classes to boost the department's profile. (College officials said they could not corroborate the accusation, but a lawyer for Barrios-Beltran said Maillo is no longer employed at Amherst.)

• William Bendorf, 38, filed a lawsuit in December against the Funny Bone comedy club in Omaha, Nebraska, and comedian-hypnotist Doug Thompson after plunging

off the stage and breaking his leg following Thompson's having hypnotized him during his act. Thompson claimed that he had "snapped" Bendorf out of the trance, but the lawsuit claims that Bendorf, instead of exiting via the stairs as Thompson instructed, wandered directly toward his stage-side table because he was still "under" Thompson's spell.

• A patient who had been blind for a decade (a condition thought to have been brought on by brain damage from an auto accident) suddenly "regained" her sight, according to a research report in the latest PsyCh Journal — but only in one of the 10 identities (a teenage boy) populating her dissociative identity disorder. Doctors have since ruled out organic damage and (through EEG testing) "malingering" and are now coaxing her eyesight back by treating the disorder.

## Least competent criminals

Chutzpah! (1) Michael Leonard, 53, was charged in December with stealing a package that moments earlier had been dropped off by a courier. The delivery was to a Prince George's County, Maryland, police station, and Leonard, hanging around in the station to register as a sex offender, walked out with the package when no one was looking. However, a station surveillance camera caught his face. (2) Sean Lyons, 23, wanted on an Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, arrest warrant since October as a drug dealer, was arrested in January at the police station, where officers recognized him when he came to give information as a victim of an unrelated hit-and-run accident.

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**VOTING ENDS FEBRUARY 29**

# BEFORE HE GOES HOME

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PIZZA, HIKING TRAIL,  
WORKOUT SPOT AND BAKERY?**

**IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE THE BEST.**

No national chains, please — this is about the people and places unique to southern New Hampshire. Voting will be conducted online only. Go to [hippopress.com](http://hippopress.com) and look for the “Hippo Best of 2016” button to link to the survey. Online ballots must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 29. Only one online ballot will be accepted from each computer and only ballots with votes in at least 15 categories will be counted. Leap year means an extra day to vote!